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# SJ OKs razing 'tarp house'

## Infamous house expected to be demolished within 30 days

**By TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The dilapidated house in St. Joseph, best known for the large tarp that's draped over its missing roof, is coming down.

At Monday night's virtual meeting, St. Joseph commissioners unanimously voted in favor of accepting a bid from B&Z Co. to take on the demolition project.

Commissioners agreed to pay B&Z Co. about $24,300 to raze the house at 1501 Niles Ave.

Among the expenses are the disposal of materials, backfilling, site restoration and administration of the project.

The project is expected to begin April 17.

According to city documents, the demolition should be completed by mid-May. Final site restoration is expected to be done by May 22.

The cost of the demolition will be added to the owner's property taxes.

This is the latest development in the years-long effort by city officials to get Dennis Knuth, the house's owner, to repair or remove the structure that has had a tarp over its roof since 2016.

However, city inspectors began to notice exterior defects at the property starting in 2013, including the damaged roof. The owner was given more than a year to fix the problems, but no work

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**A home at the corner of Hoyt Street and Niles Avenue in St. Joseph is pictured Monday. City commissioners have accepted a bid to demolish the house.**

Don Campbell / HP staff

**Rachel Bernard is a store manager at Roger's Foodland in St. Joseph. Like at all grocery stores of late, the spread of COVID-19 and subsequent orders by the governor have made working at the store very interesting.**

# Working on the front lines

## Roger's Foodland manager Rachel Bernard has had a very strange month

The last month has seen a whirlwind of changes as Michigan residents deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and the executive orders put in place by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to slow the spread of the virus.

Rachel Bernard, store manager at Roger's Foodland in Royalton Township, is one of the people on the front line, making sure the grocery store is stocked with essential items that people need while putting in place safeguards to keep employees and customers healthy.

She said the first two weeks after Whitmer declared a state of emergency on March 10 because of the COVID-19 pandemic were "crazy."

**Q&A**

**RACHEL BERNARD**

"It was like the day before Thanksgiving or a huge snowstorm was coming in, except it lasted for two weeks where everyone rushed in," said the 36-year-old daughter of the store's owners, Roger and Pam Seely of St. Joseph Township. Roger Seely is also the elected supervisor on the St. Joseph Township Board of Trustees.

Customer traffic is now steady, but she said she is frustrated because the store can't offer the variety of goods the customers are used to.

"There are lots of empty shelves. There's no toilet paper, which people are used to just running to the store for," she said. "Things that you wouldn't think of as being out are out or very limited in varieties. Like flour and sugar. There's some, but there's no variety. There's very slim pickings on what is available."

She said customers have been very understanding.

"Someone bought 20 candy bars this morning to pass out to the

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# COVID-19 cluster identified at long-term care facility in Benton Harbor

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — A cluster of COVID-19 cases has been identified at a long-term care facility in Benton Harbor.

The Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) reported in a news release Monday that it, along with Spectrum Health Lakeland, is investigating multiple cases of COVID-19 at Hallmark Living Benton Harbor.

To date, four employees and four residents have tested positive for COVID-19. Three of the residents who tested positive, and had been terminally ill prior to COVID-19 diagnosis, have died, the health department reported.

"We have known that COVID-19 is present in our community, but this cluster of illnesses and loss of life at a facility serving some of our most vulnerable in our population is a sobering reminder that our community must continue to be vigilant with our actions to keep this virus from spreading," Nicki Britten, health officer at the BCHD, said in the news release.

The employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 are isolating at home and are no longer having contact with any of the facility residents, according to the health department. The facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 are being isolated in their rooms and all group activities have been canceled at this time.

All residents and employees are being monitored for COVID-19 symptoms.

The BCHD reported that the Hallmark Living Center, located at 1385 E. Empire Ave., has implemented the following procedures: taking temperatures on all residents and staff twice a day; shutting down all communal spaces and quarantining residents to their rooms; prohibiting all visitors to the facility; enhancing hand hygiene and use of personal protective equipment for staff and enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the facility.

The health department said it will continue to monitor this group of positive cases, as well as provide needed personal protective equipment and infection control guidance needed by the facility, and others like it.

### Monday case update

The health department reported two more deaths locally from COVID-19 on Sunday and Monday.

Sunday's reported death was a man over the age of 70 who had died earlier in the week and tested positive for COVID-19 after his death.

The death reported Monday was "an older male with underlying health conditions."

These two deaths have brought Berrien County's

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# Dying alone: Coronavirus keeps family from loved ones at end

**By JAY REEVES**
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Don Pijanowski was not surrounded by loved ones when he died.

Instead, the 87-year-old father of four, the blue-collar guy from Buffalo, New York, died in a hospital with only a nurse who stood near him and passed on his sons' final message.

"We asked that the nurse who was going to be by his side whisper into his ears that his boys loved him," said his son, John Pijanowski.

It wasn't a fitting end for the man whose family remembered him as a hard worker who never cut corners, a genuinely kind person who kept his late wife's greeting on his telephone answering machine so her voice would fill the house each time the phone rang.

But it was the only end possible for Pijanowski and countless others during a pandemic caused by an insidious new coronavirus that has been blamed for more than 110,000 deaths worldwide.

The virus is so contagious that health care facilities aren't letting spouses, sons and daughters gather around the dying for fear of spreading the infection. So family and friends are bidding tortuous goodbyes as best they can, often with the help of hospital workers.

A New York physician posted on social media about holding a cellphone on speaker mode beside a hospital bed so a man could say a final prayer for his 100-year-old mother, a Jewish woman with numbers tattooed on her arm – the mark of a Holocaust survivor.

In New Orleans, a woman used a FaceTime call to say goodbye to her husband in another part of the nursing home where they were separated because of the illness.

In Birmingham, nurse Shelby Roberts held a cellphone encased in a plastic bag as a host of relatives sang "Amazing Grace" and prayed for a woman dying of the virus.

"I just sat there and listened and held her hand, put on the gospel station on the TV," said Roberts, who works in medical intensive care at UAB Hospital. "I told the family that I didn't know what was going to happen, but no matter what I would make sure she didn't die alone. That's

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Amanda Chambers / UAB Hospital via AP

**Intensive care nurse Shelby Roberts, who helped a family say goodbye to a woman dying of COVID-19 at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Ala., works in protective gear on April 8.**

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# Anti-LGBT discrimination ballot drive moves to e-signatures

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A group spearheading a ballot drive to add LGBT anti-discrimination protections to Michigan's civil rights law moved Monday to collect voter signatures online because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The electronic petition campaign is believed to be the first in state history, according to Fair and Equal Michigan, which said that the strategy is legal and secure. People who want to sign can go to a website with a two-factor authentication system and enter their driver's license or state ID card number that organizers will cross-check against the voter file.

The ballot committee has until late May to collect about 340,000 valid voter signatures needed to send the initiated bill to lawmakers and, because the Republican-led Legislature would likely not act, to a public vote in November. The organization collected more than 150,000 signatures the traditional way by circulating petitions in person until the virus pandemic reached Michigan last month.

The proposal would update the law to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in employment, housing and public accommodations. Religion-based discrimination, which already is barred, would be defined to include an individual's "religious beliefs."

"I genuinely believe that the decisions and these actions we take in the next 24 hours and beyond related to e-signature and its success will determine if LGBTQ people have their rights or not for at least eight years," said Trevor Thomas, co-chair of the ballot drive.

The group's announcement came weeks after two other ballot drives suspended their campaigns until 2022. One was pushing for a graduated state income tax and the other sought to rein in lobbying.

If the pro-LGBT rights group submits signatures, those collected electronically could face a legal challenge.

But Steven Liedel, a lawyer for Fair and Equal Michigan, said "the right to initiative petitions is an inherent constitutional right. ... This is just another mechanism for (people) to exercise that constitutional right in light of the limits on social gathering and social distancing requirements necessitated by the virus."

State law governing e-signatures, he said, says any signature that is required by law can be affixed electronically except on certain documents such as wills. The election law does not mandate that a signature be physically signed but does require petitions to be signed in the presence of a circulator, he said.

"So Fair and Equal Michigan's going to be using a process where it's one signature per petition. The registered voter will be both the signer and the circulator. You're always in your own presence," Liedel said.

He also noted that Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued an order last week temporarily encouraging e-signatures unless the law specifically mandates a physical signature.

The organization made the state elections bureau aware of the e-signature drive.

"We have not yet determined if we can accept signatures collected as they propose as we have not yet conducted a full legal analysis and no signatures collected in this way have yet been provided to us," said Jake Rollow, spokesman for Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

Manuel Balce Ceneta / AP

**Supporters of LGBT rights stage a protest on the street in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington on Oct. 8. A group spearheading a ballot drive to add LGBT anti-discrimination protections to Michigan's civil rights law moved on Monday to collect voter signatures online because of the coronavirus pandemic.**

## IN BRIEF

### Whitmer: Virus infection curve starting to flatten

LANSING — The growth in coronavirus infections in Michigan is starting to flatten due to the extraordinary restrictions on people's movements, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Monday.

But she warned that this doesn't mean business as usual will resume quickly or soon.

"We've got to make sure that we avoid a second wave at all costs. That would be devastating for our economy," Whitmer said. "So we're going to make decisions based on science and having a real strategic phase-in of our economy when it's appropriate and safe to do."

### Unemployment site down

Michigan's unemployment website and other online services crashed for hours due to unprecedented demand on the first day that self-employed workers and independent contractors started making claims for benefits under a federal aid package.

## LOTTERIES

**Monday drawings**

**Michigan**

**Poker Lotto**
JD-9C-6D-7D-9D
**Midday Daily 3**
1-5-9
**Midday Daily 4**
2-2-5-4
**Daily 3**
8-3-0
**Daily 4**
0-2-8-0
**Fantasy 5**
01-04-13-14-16
**Keno**
02-03-04-05-11-13-21-28-36-43-48-50-51-56-58-60-66-67-70-71-79-80
**Mega Millions jackpot**
$145 million
**Powerball jackpot**
$22 million

**Sunday drawings**

**Indiana**

**Cash 5**
13-17-25-31-38
**Estimated jackpot**
$190,000
**Cash4Life**
04-21-23-29-59, Cash Ball: 3
**Quick Draw Midday**
02-04-07-08-10-12-13-15-17-23-26-29-33-35-41-68-70-72-73-77, BE: 13
**Daily Three-Midday**
1-1-3, SB: 5
**Daily Three-Evening**
9-2-4, SB: 1
**Daily Four-Midday**
2-1-1-8, SB: 5
**Daily Four-Evening**
3-9-3-1, SB: 1
**Quick Draw Evening**
01-08-09-19-33-34-35-38-39-41-48-52-54-56-58-60-68-71-72-77, BE: 77

**Sunday drawings**

**Illinois**

**LuckyDay Lotto Midday**
05-32-37-42-44
**Estimated jackpot**
$250,000
**Pick Three-Midday**
1-0-0, Fireball: 5
**Pick Three-Evening**
1-8-8, Fireball: 9
**Pick Four-Midday**
8-4-4-8, Fireball: 9
**Pick Four-Evening**
7-9-1-3, Fireball: 4
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# BHAS advisory board meets to update draft report

## Plan now needs approval from BH school board and 2 state departments

**By LOUISE WREGE**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The academic and financial operating plan to move the Benton Harbor school district forward was approved Monday by the Benton Harbor Area Schools Community Engagement Advisory Committee.

It is now in the hands of Benton Harbor school board trustees, the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Deputy State Treasurer Joyce Parker, chairwoman of the advisory committee, said they have 30 days to look over the plan and to make any changes.

"Once we have the plan approved by the three entities, implementation can start, hopefully no later than May 16," she said during the meeting, which was held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Don Campbell / HP file photo
**Benton Harbor High School is pictured late last month.**

It is unknown if school board trustees will talk about the plan at tonight's meeting, which starts at 5:30 p.m. on Google Meet. The agenda and how to join the meeting virtually is on the school district's website at www.bhas.org.

Advisory committee members Monday made no changes to the plan that they presented to Benton Harbor school board trustees at a joint meeting last week.

After the meeting, Parker said that she believes the work of the advisory committee is done. The committee was created in October, with members given six months to come up with a plan.

The school district has been struggling with high debt and decreasing enrollment and student test scores for the past 10 years, the report found. State officials suggested in May 2019 that Benton Harbor High School be closed at the end of the current school year so the district could focus on grades K-8. After almost three months of tense negotiations, state officials hit the reset button and offered to help form and pay for the advisory committee.

Even though the advisory committee's work is done, Parker said this isn't the end of negotiations between

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## TIME CAPSULE

**Peter Bansen of St. Joseph gave a realistic portrayal of Jesus Christ in "The Day He Wore My Crown," a musical, multi-media drama production that was presented at Lake Michigan College Community Center by members of First Assembly of God in Benton Harbor (now Blue Roof Church) for three shows over one weekend in April of 1985.**

Time Capsule, which runs every Monday, takes a look back through the HP photo archives. If you would like to share a nostalgic comment about this photo, please join the discussion on our Facebook page: facebook.com/HeraldPalladium.

**BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR**

# Fair officials taking 'day-by-day' approach with COVID-19 pandemic

## Fair director: April events, campsite registrations postponed

**By TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien County Youth Fair has made a few changes in the wake of COVID-19.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the governor's executive order, the youth fair has postponed its April events.

Fair Director Karen Klug said they are taking a day-by-day approach in what is delayed or canceled.

"We are still planning on having a fair in August, but that's all subject to change," Klug said Monday.

This year's fair is a special one, as officials, exhibitors and attendees are celebrating 75 years. The theme is "Diamonds Are Fair-Ever."

Throughout the year, fair officials were expected to hold other events and announce a list of activities leading up to the fair.

Among the events is the fair's annual fundraiser, which was set to take place in May at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center.

Don Campbell / HP file photo
**Kandin Shuler of Baroda spends time with a Holstein cow named Rampage during the 2016 Berrien County Youth Fair in Berrien Springs. The fair is rescheduling its April events due to the state's executive order.**

However, Klug said they are in the process of

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# BH man shot and killed Saturday

**HP STAFF**

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor police are seeking the public's help to identify who shot and killed a 19-year-old Benton Harbor man Saturday night.

At around 10:20 p.m., officers heard multiple gunshots in the southeast area of the city, according to a police report from Deputy Director Michael Clark.

Officers found Marcas Purnell, 19, near the intersection of Cross Street and Bishop Avenue, wounded by gunfire and unresponsive. He was taken to Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph, where he died from his injuries.

Anyone with information can call the tipline at 927-0293 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-342-STOP (7867). Information can be anonymously provided via the TIP411 app, Benton Harbor DPS, available in your app store.

Benton Harbor police were assisted by the Berrien County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police.

# Hopkins conviction overturned

## New trial ordered for man accused of molesting two young girls

**By JULIE SWIDWA**
HP Staff Writer

LANSING — The Michigan Court of Appeals has vacated the convictions and sentence of a man who in 2018 was found guilty of sexually molesting two young girls on numerous occasions while babysitting for them.

Richard Hopkins was 66 when a Berrien County jury found him guilty of three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) with a person under age 13, three counts of second-degree CSC and three counts of disseminating sexually explicit matter to a minor.

He was sentenced by Berrien County Trial Court Judge Arthur Cotter to 35 to 52 ½ years in prison, and would have been 101 before becoming eligible for parole.

The appeals court said certain trial testimony of two counselors who had worked with the girls should not have been allowed because it inappropriately vouched for the truthfulness of the victim. It also said the trial court should not have denied the defendant's right to raise at trial the victims' testimony from a preliminary hearing in which they admitted to playing "a lying game."

Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic said Monday that his office will soon decide whether to appeal the Court of Appeals decision to a higher court. The case, heard by Cotter in May 2018, was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor Jane Wainwright.

"We are extremely disappointed with the opinion of the Michigan Court of Appeals, but we have to decide whether we think we can convince the Michigan Supreme Court to accept the case for review," Sepic said.

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The case involved two girls ages 9 and 10 at the time. The girls lived with their mother in a rental property owned by Hopkins. According to testimony, he began socializing with the children in 2015 and, later that year, offered to babysit the two girls for free after school while their mother was at work. The mother agreed, and Hopkins began babysitting them at his home.

At trial, the girls testified that on numerous occasions beginning in 2016 Hopkins would tell them to take off their clothes, would take off his own clothing and sexually molest them. The girls said he also showed them sexually explicit movies and photographs. They said he had a "make-up room" full of mannequins and dresses, including little girls' dresses, and that he would have them try on the dresses.

Hopkins' lawyer, Tat Parish, attacked the girls' credibility, saying their stories

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# Lakeland COO Lowell Hamel being treated for COVID-19

## Hospital system lost $7.6 million in March

**HP STAFF**

ST. JOSEPH — Spectrum Health Lakeland's Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Lowell Hamel, has tested positive for COVID-19 and is being treated at Lakeland Medical Center's COVID-19 unit in St. Joseph, according to Spectrum Health Lakeland President Dr. Loren Hamel, who shared the news in a video on Friday that was sent to all Lakeland employees.

The video was posted on Facebook and is being shared in the community. Lowell Hamel is the twin brother of Loren Hamel.

Lowell Hamel's condition was listed as "good" as of Monday afternoon, according to a Spectrum Health Lakeland spokeswoman.

Loren Hamel reported on the video Friday that his brother had been feeling ill for a few days and had stayed home, to limit any possible exposure to others.

LOWELL HAMEL

In addition to his role at Spectrum Health Lakeland, Lowell Hamel still sees patients at a family practice in Berrien Springs near the campus of Andrews University. The practice, University Medical Specialties, recently became a part of the Spectrum Health Lakeland system.

In addition to his role as COO, Lowell Hamel is also a senior vice president and the chief clinical officer at Spectrum Health Lakeland.

In the video, Hamel also shared the news with employees that Spectrum Health Lakeland is being hit hard financially by the pandemic, like so many other industries and businesses. Hamel said the health system lost $7.6 million in March.

Losses will keep mounting for Lakeland and other hospital systems, as elective procedures and most associate doctors offices in the hospital system are sidelined during the worst of the pandemic.

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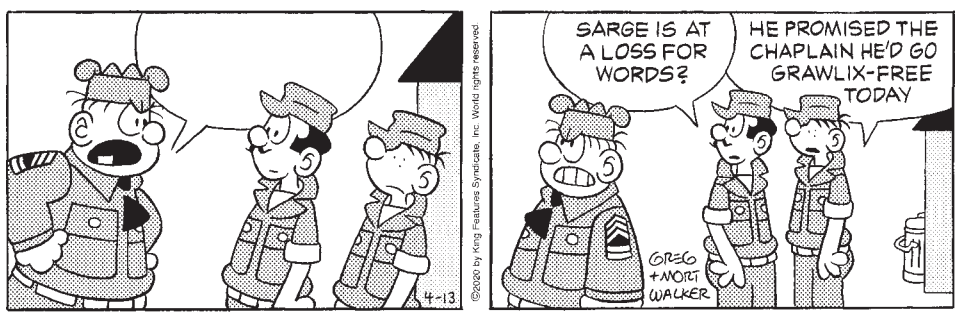
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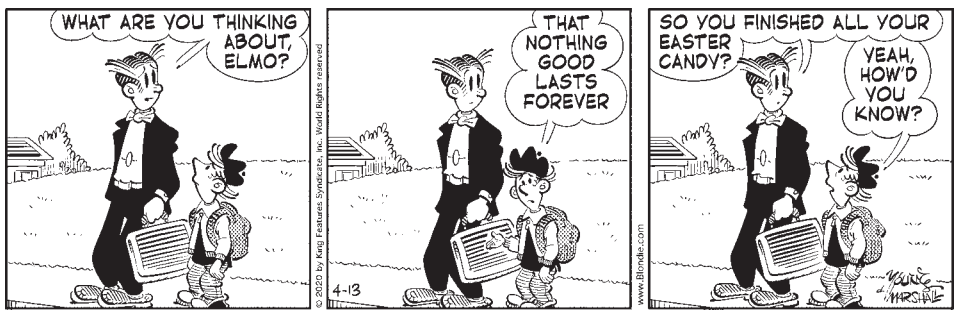
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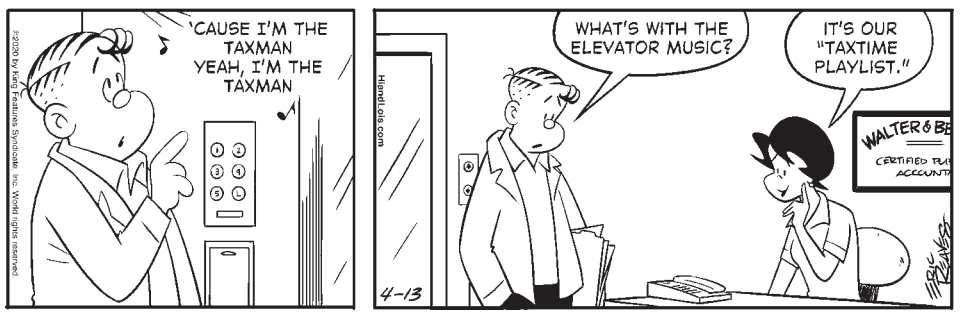
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WHAT'S WITH THE ELEVATOR MUSIC?
IT'S OUR "TAXTIME PLAYLIST."
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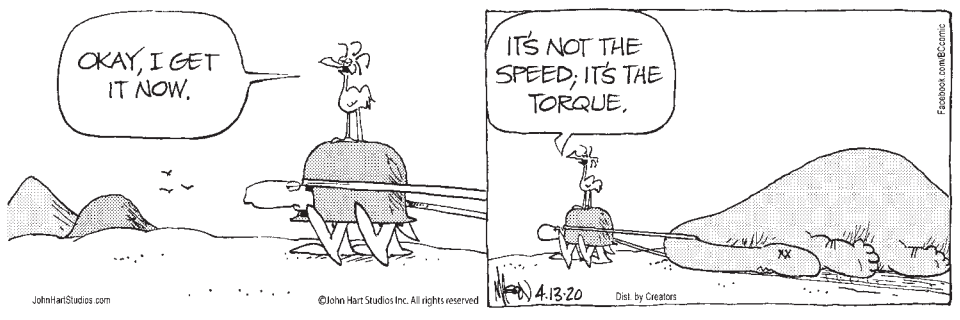


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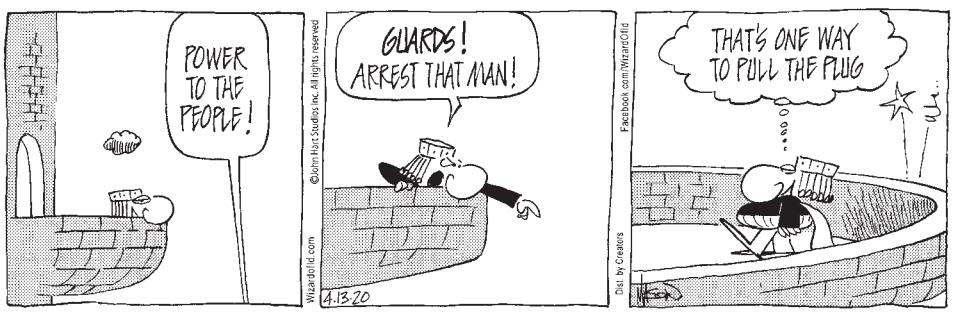


## DILBERT

DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE TO HELP ME?
ABSOLUTELY. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK AFTER I DROP OFF SOMETHING AT MY DESK.
I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN, WILL I?
DON'T TAKE THE MYSTERY OUT OF IT.
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## GARFIELD

ARE YOU LAZY?... MOODY?...
DISRESPECTFUL?...DISLOYAL?... DISCOURTEOUS?...ARROGANT?... DISOBEDIENT?...DEVIOUS?... SELF-CENTERED AND UNREMORSEFUL?
THEN YOU ARE A CAT
HE FORGOT "DARLING"
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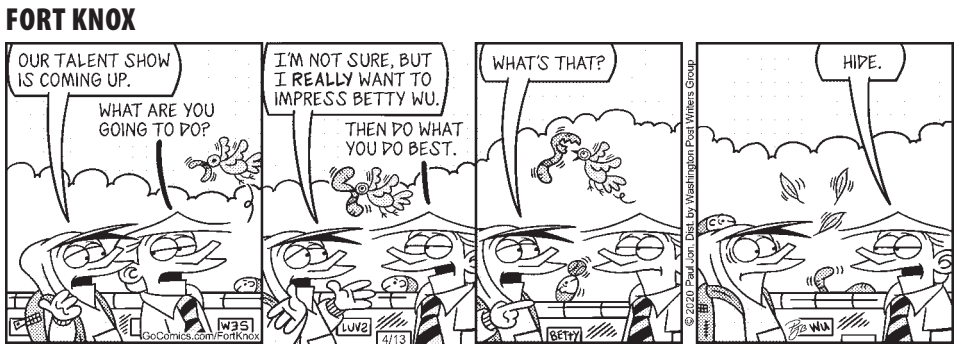
OUR TALENT SHOW IS COMING UP.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT I REALLY WANT TO IMPRESS BETTY WU.
THEN DO WHAT YOU DO BEST.
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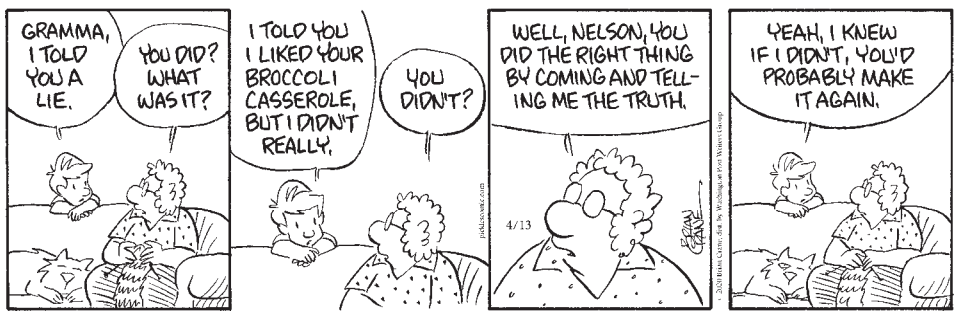
GRAMMA, I TOLD YOU A LIE.
YOU DID? WHAT WAS IT?
I TOLD YOU I LIKED YOUR BROCCOLI CASSEROLE, BUT I DIDN'T REALLY.
YOU DIDN'T?
WELL, NELSON, YOU DID THE RIGHT THING BY COMING AND TELLING ME THE TRUTH.
YEAH, I KNEW IF I DIDN'T, YOU'D PROBABLY MAKE IT AGAIN.
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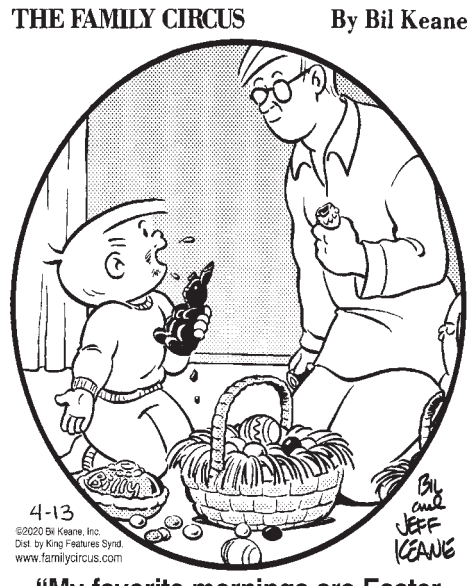
## FAMILY CIRCUS




"My favorite mornings are Easter, Christmas, and the day after Halloween."

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"I'M GLAD MARGARET LIKES TO READ SO MUCH. IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT KEEPS OUR FRIENDSHIP ALIVE."

## BABY BLUES

SO, JEFF FROM WORK INVITED ME TO HIS BACHELOR PARTY.
I TOLD HIM THAT I NEED TO ASK YOU FIRST.
OH, DARRYL. YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK ME.
OKAY, BEG YOU FIRST.
THAT'S MORE REALISTIC.
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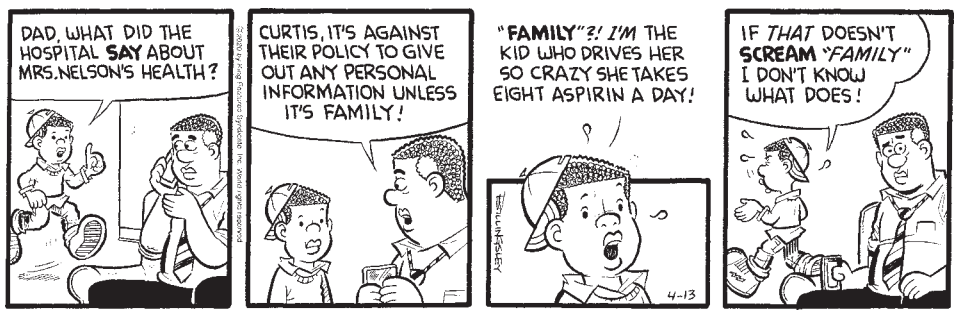
DAD, WHAT DID THE HOSPITAL SAY ABOUT MRS. NELSON'S HEALTH?
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"FAMILY"?! I'M THE KID WHO DRIVES HER SO CRAZY SHE TAKES EIGHT ASPIRIN A DAY!
IF THAT DOESN'T SCREAM "FAMILY" I DON'T KNOW WHAT DOES!
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## ZITS

I FINISHED MY TAXES!
GREAT!
MIND IF I HAVE A LOOK?
GO AHEAD.
YOU'RE CLAIMING THAT YOU'RE OWED A THIRTY-THOUSAND-DOLLAR REFUND?
I'M GOOD WITH IT IF THEY ARE.
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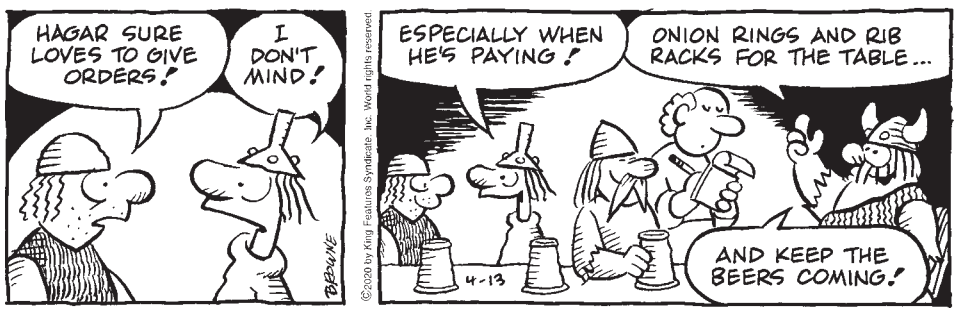
HAGAR SURE LOVES TO GIVE ORDERS!
I DON'T MIND!
ESPECIALLY WHEN HE'S PAYING!
ONION RINGS AND RIB RACKS FOR THE TABLE...
AND KEEP THE BEERS COMING!
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## MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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SORRY, I DON'T SHAKE ANYMORE, BUT I DO BUMP ELBOWS!
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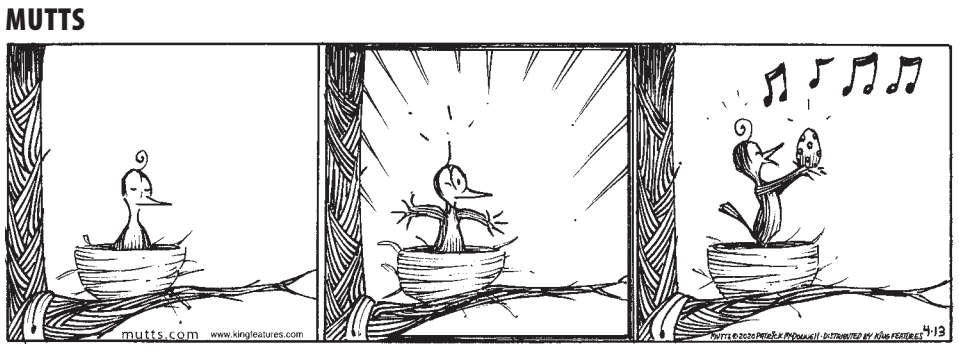


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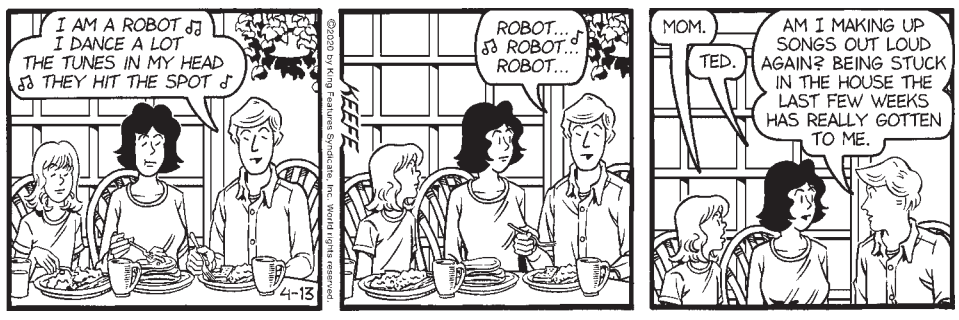
I AM A ROBOT ♫ I DANCE A LOT THE TUNES IN MY HEAD ♫ THEY HIT THE SPOT ♫
ROBOT... ♫ ROBOT... ROBOT...
MOM.
TED.
AM I MAKING UP SONGS OUT LOUD AGAIN? BEING STUCK IN THE HOUSE THE LAST FEW WEEKS HAS REALLY GOTTEN TO ME.
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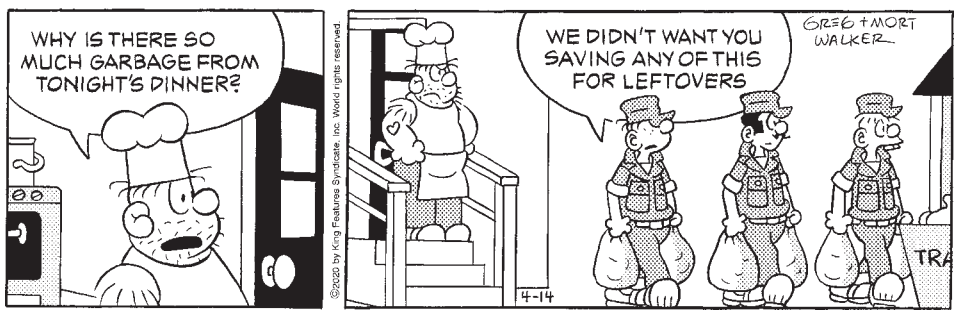
WHY IS THERE SO MUCH GARBAGE FROM TONIGHT'S DINNER?
WE DIDN'T WANT YOU SAVING ANY OF THIS FOR LEFTOVERS
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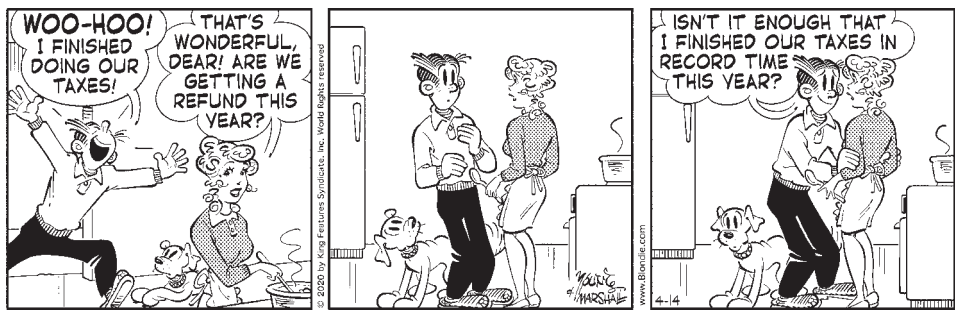
WOO-HOO! I FINISHED DOING OUR TAXES!
THAT'S WONDERFUL, DEAR! ARE WE GETTING A REFUND THIS YEAR?
ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT I FINISHED OUR TAXES IN RECORD TIME THIS YEAR?
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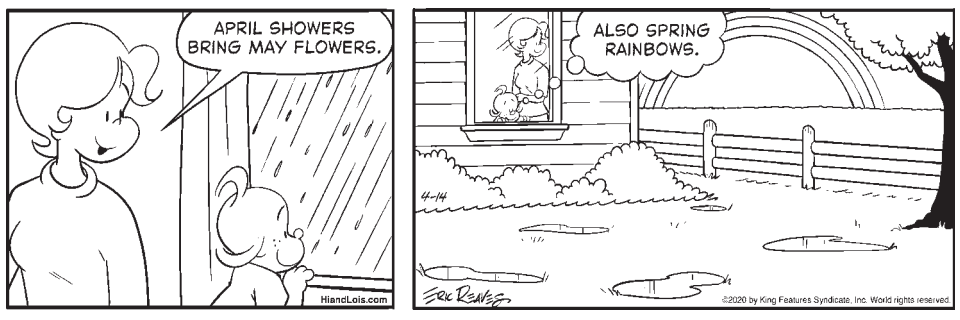


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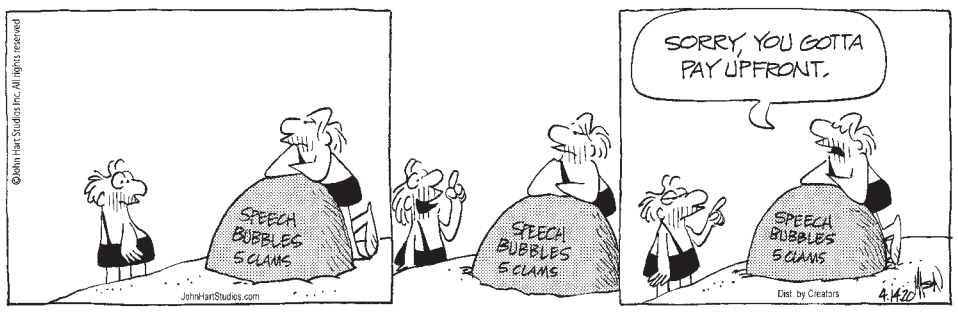


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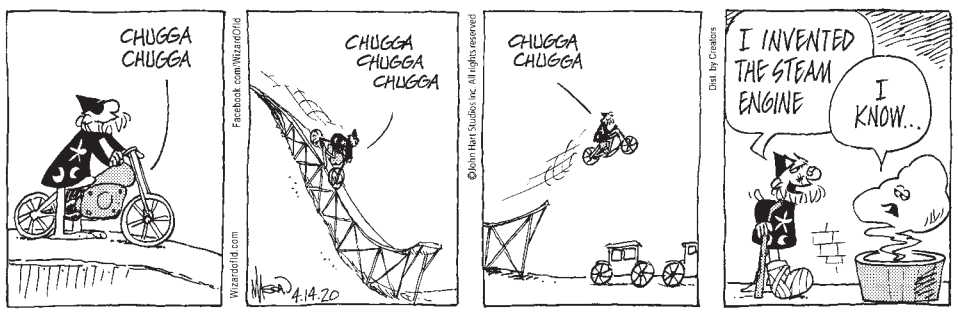


## DILBERT

DO YOU MIND IF I COME TO WORK ON MY VACATION DAYS?
I HATE BEING SCOLDED FOR BEING BEHIND IN MY WORK MORE THAN I ENJOY TAKING VACATIONS.
IT SEEMS I HAVE TRAINED YOU WELL.
NO, I'M JUST BROKEN.
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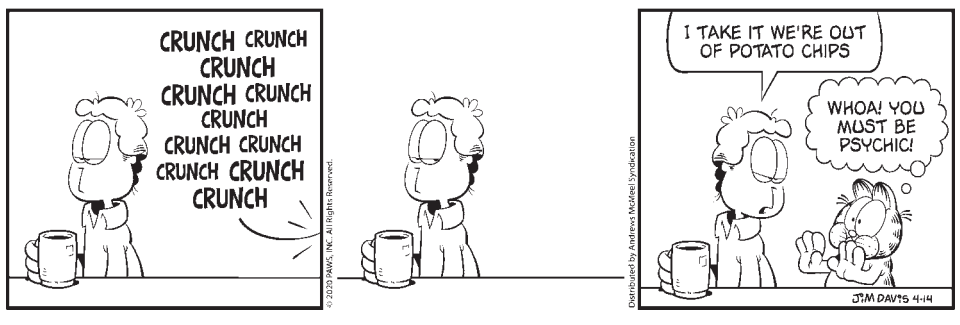
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I TAKE IT WE'RE OUT OF POTATO CHIPS
WHOA! YOU MUST BE PSYCHIC!
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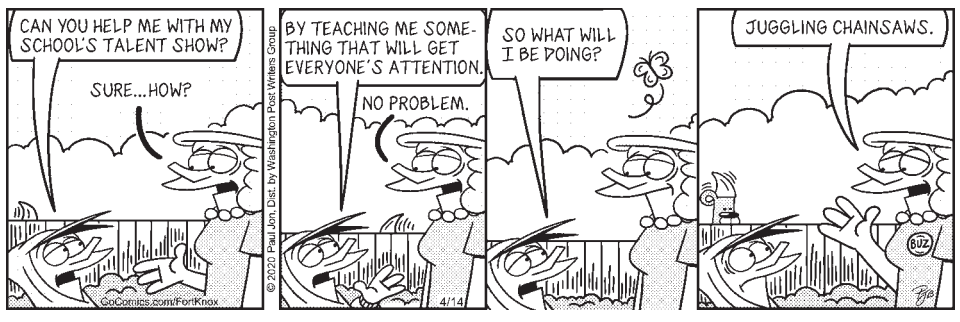
CAN YOU HELP ME WITH MY SCHOOL'S TALENT SHOW?
SURE...HOW?
BY TEACHING ME SOMETHING THAT WILL GET EVERYONE'S ATTENTION.
NO PROBLEM.
SO WHAT WILL I BE DOING?
JUGGLING CHAINSAWS.
BUZ
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## PICKLES

GUESS WHAT, NELSON CONFESSED TO ME THAT HE LIED WHEN HE SAID HE LIKED MY BROCCOLI CASSEROLE.
ISN'T THAT SWEET? I WAS SO PROUD OF HIM FOR TELLING THE TRUTH THAT I GAVE HIM A COOKIE.
A COOKIE? WELL, GUESS WHAT, I HAVE A CONFESSION TOO. I HATE THAT CASSEROLE. HONEST I DO.
HEY! WHAT ABOUT MY EQUAL JUSTICE?!
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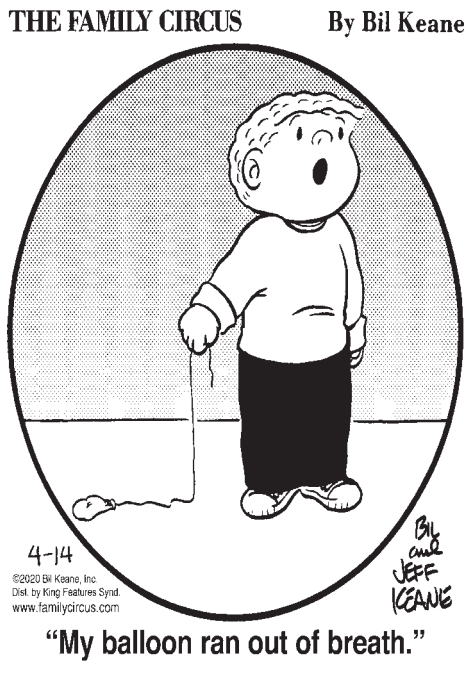


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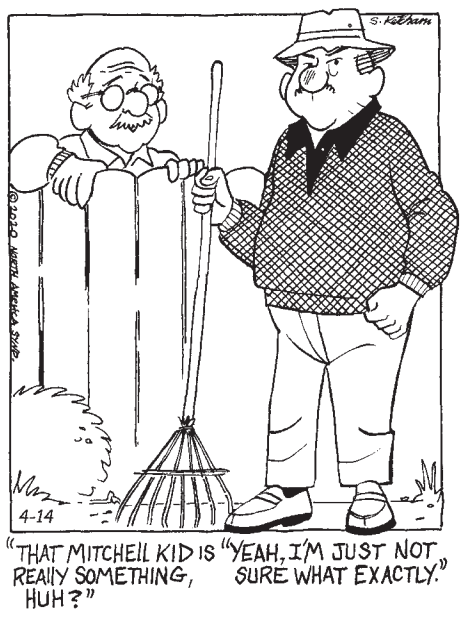


## BABY BLUES

YOU SERIOUSLY WANT TO GO TO A BACHELOR PARTY?
IT'S JEFF FROM WORK! HE'S A BUDDY!
DARRYL, YOU'RE A RESPONSIBLE GUY WITH A RESPONSIBLE JOB, A WIFE AND THREE KIDS, A MORTGAGE...
YEP! YEP!
...WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO GO TO A BACHELOR PARTY?
OH, I THOUGHT YOU WERE ARGUING MY SIDE.
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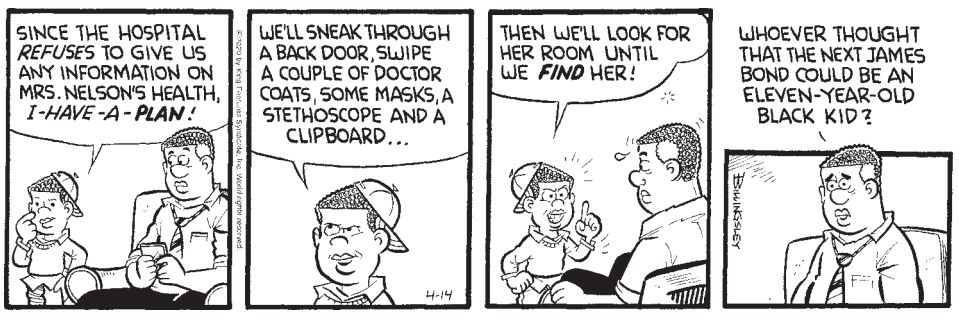
SINCE THE HOSPITAL REFUSES TO GIVE US ANY INFORMATION ON MRS. NELSON'S HEALTH, I-HAVE-A-PLAN!
WE'LL SNEAK THROUGH A BACK DOOR, SWIPE A COUPLE OF DOCTOR COATS, SOME MASKS, A STETHOSCOPE AND A CLIPBOARD...
THEN WE'LL LOOK FOR HER ROOM UNTIL WE FIND HER!
WHOEVER THOUGHT THAT THE NEXT JAMES BOND COULD BE AN ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD BLACK KID?
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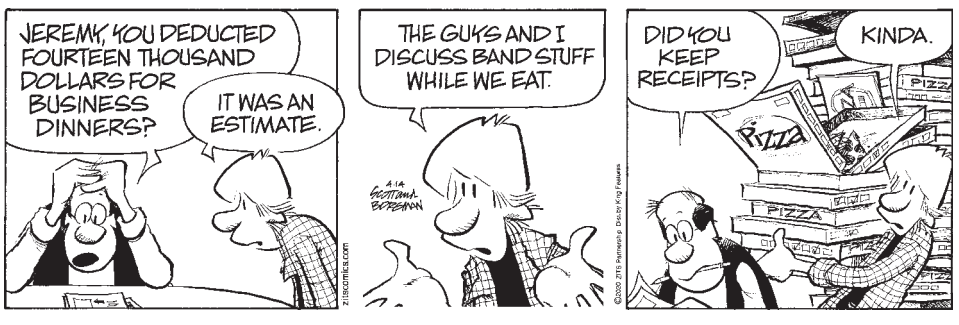
JEREMY, YOU DEDUCTED FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR BUSINESS DINNERS?
IT WAS AN ESTIMATE.
THE GUYS AND I DISCUSS BAND STUFF WHILE WE EAT.
DID YOU KEEP RECEIPTS?
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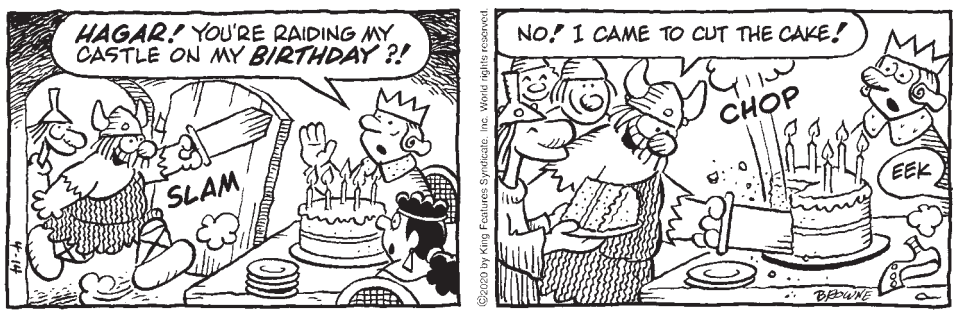
HAGAR! YOU'RE RAIDING MY CASTLE ON MY BIRTHDAY?!
SLAM
NO! I CAME TO CUT THE CAKE!
CHOP
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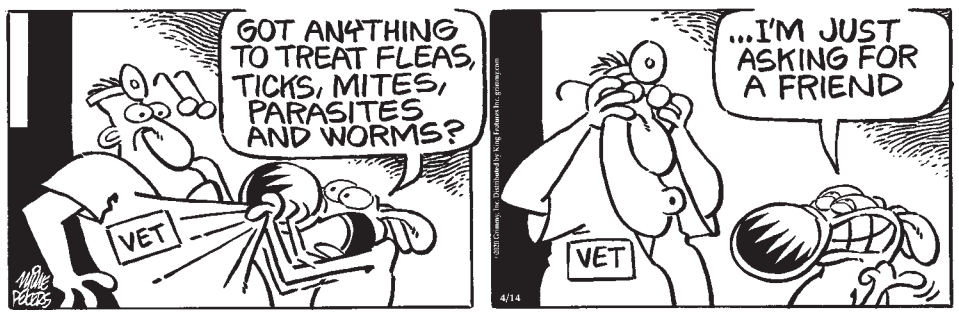


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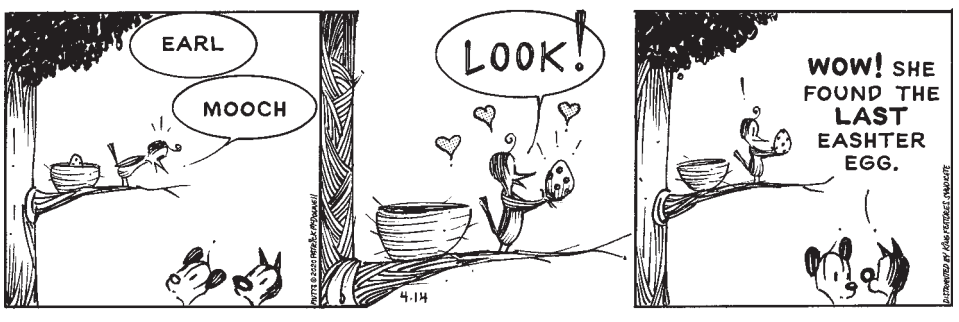


## SALLY FORTH

YOU KNOW, WITH THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS OF SELF-DISTANCING AND "THE NEW NORMAL," I REALIZED SOMETHING— I ACTUALLY MISS MY OFFICE.
KEEFE
I REMEMBER ONE TIME RIGHT BEFORE WE WERE SENT HOME, KEVIN AND I WERE ABOUT TO SHAKE HANDS BUT REALIZED WE SHOULDN'T. SO HE POINTED OUT HIS ELBOW, BUT I GAVE HIM THE VULCAN SIGN. THEN HE PUT OUT HIS FOOT TO TAP, BUT I WAVED.
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THEN WE JUST THOUGHT IT BEST NEVER TO GREET EACH OTHER AGAIN.
I THINK WE CAN CALL THAT "THE NEW AWKWARD."
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# Area basketball teams earn academic all-state honors

**HP STAFF**

The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan released its academic all-State teams and several area basketball teams were named. Teams with a weighted team GPA of 3.0 or higher were recognized as academic all-state.

On the boys side, Berrien Springs was named Division 2 honorable mention with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.18, while Bridgman made the D3 honorable mention list with a 3.24 GPA.

For the girls, Buchanan (3.74) and Niles (3.585) made the D2 honorable mention team. In Division 3, Bridgman (3.479) and Brandywine (3.43) earned honorable mention selections, while Michigan Lutheran (3.79) was named D4 honorable mention.

## FAIR

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rescheduling it.

"It's going to be a way to highlight our 75 years. We've already sold over 500 tickets," Klug said. "We plan on inviting past board members and royalty. We're looking forward to having it."

The youth fair is also postponing the date to register for one of the eight available campsites from May 1 to June 1.

On June 1, at 9 a.m., the first eight people in line with a completed camping form and $275 will be put in a lottery to select their campsite.

The lottery will take place at 6 p.m. on June 7 in the Youth Memorial Building. There will be eight campsites available in Exhibitor Camping for the 2020 youth fair.

While beef registration ended in February, Klug said the next deadline that might be affected is the large animal registration in June.

**"We're still hopeful that with the social distancing and stay-at-home order, we will flatten the curve to be able to have our event as scheduled,"**

**KAREN KLUG**
Fair Director

Klug said they intend to keep everyone updated through Facebook posts and on the fair's website.

The fair exhibitor's handbook is available online at www.bcyf.org.

When asked if the fair's board has discussed an alternative if the pandemic remains in full swing by August, Klug said they haven't taken those steps yet.

"We're still hopeful that with the social distancing and stay-at-home order, we will flatten the curve to be able to have our event as scheduled," Klug said.

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# SH authority chooses new fire chief

## Emergency Services board of directors pick Hinz to lead department

**By BECKY BURKERT**
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — After conducting a five-month nationwide search for a new fire chief, South Haven Area Emergency Services' board of directors has decided to hire a candidate quite familiar with the department and its staff.

Board members announced Friday that they chose veteran firefighter and paramedic Brandon Hinz as the department's new executive director and fire chief. Board members are now in the process of negotiating a contract and salary with Hinz, who succeeds current Executive Director Ronald Wise, who plans to retire Sept. 30.

Ross Stein, South Haven Township supervisor who chairs the SHAES board, was pleased with the selection of Hinz, who was picked from more than 20 candidates.

"Brandon has a solid reputation for being a hard-working, self-motivated and trustworthy member of SHAES," Stein said. "After multiple rounds of interviews he was clearly the best choice to lead the organization for years to come."

HINZ

Hinz, who has been with SHAES for a little over two decades, begins his new duties June 1 and will work alongside Wise until Wise's retirement, according to Stein.

SHAES provides fire and ambulance service to the city of South Haven and townships of Casco, Geneva and South Haven. Its coverage area consists of 95.3 square miles that is populated by 12,250 year-round residents.

As SHAES' director and fire chief, Hinz will oversee 16 full-time employees in addition to 30 paid-on-call firefighters, a communication staff and seasonal beach safety interns.

The department operates from three stations, utilizing nearly 20 different types of vehicles, ranging from ambulances to a fire boat to a 93-foot ladder tower. The budget for the department hovers at $2.5 million. In 2018, SHAES responded to more than 2,000 calls for assistance.

Hinz said he is looking forward to his newest role with the fire department.

"SHAES has been an integral part of my life," he said. "I am very proud to have been a part of this organization for the past 21 years. I will continue to lead SHAES toward all our collective goals with hard work and integrity. Together, we will further our mission of providing the residents of the greater South Haven area with the best fire, rescue and EMS services."

Hinz joined the SHAES staff in 1999 as a paid-on-call responder. He then became a full-time firefighter and paramedic in 2005. He currently oversees the department's maintenance service, assists in the training program and has served as an interim captain. In 2012 the department presented him with its Leadership Award.

In preparing for his new job, Hinz is in the process of completing Blue Card Command training, a nationally recognized certification program for fire command officers.

When he's not at work, Hinz resides with his wife, Dawn, and sons Jake and Cal at a farm in Geneva Township, where he raises crops and pigs.

## BHAS

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school board trustees, MDE and Treasury. She said after the meeting that the academic and financial operating plan will be part of a bigger financial recovery agreement that still needs to be worked out.

"What we're recommending is that the three entities sit down and talk about an agreement that supports the implementation of the plan and that supports sustainability in terms of the district getting back on track," she said. "...Once they decide they want to move forward, then the next step is some type of agreement, like a guiding agreement, that will lay out the reporting, lay out the next steps, the funding that goes along with the plan and who would be responsible for doing what."

The academic and financial operating plan school board trustees will be considering includes the possible forgiveness of almost $11 million in emergency loans from the state.

But the forgiveness doesn't happen automatically. Trustees will have to ask state legislators to approve the forgiveness, Parker said.

The school district received five emergency loans from the state between 2012 and 2016 totaling $13.1 million and has $10.8 million left to be paid off.

School officials in the past have said that the loans were used to pay down the district's year-to-year deficit, which averaged $14.7 million over 10 years until 2017, when the district's debt was restructured. On June 30, the district's deficit carried over from previous years is projected to be $4.4 million.

The plan further calls for a project manager to be hired by the three entities to manage how the plan is implemented. Parker said the project manager would be funded by the Department of Treasury for the first couple of years and possibly longer.

The report looks at the school district's 21 properties, which include five being used for instruction, six used for storage and 10 that are vacant, which includes the former Chemical Bank building on Riverview Drive.

Parker said a lot of money would be saved if the district was "right-sized," with only two to three buildings kept. The plan recommends decreasing the district's current footprint of 600,000 square feet to 250,000 to 350,000 square feet based on the current enrollment of 1,750 students.

But she said that would be a decision the school board trustees need to make.

A list of the properties can be found on page 77 of the academic and financial operating plan at www.michigan.gov/engagecomm.

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## HOPKINS

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had changed at times over the years. Two counselors who had worked with the girls testified that in criminal sexual conduct cases involving children, it's normal for them to recall different details at different times.

The Court of Appeals, in its opinion on Hopkins' appeal, agreed with the defendant that the trial court abused its discretion by admitting the testimony of the two counselors "wherein the witnesses vouched for the truthfulness of the two victims."

Citing case law, the court said "an expert (witness) may not vouch for the veracity of a victim ..." and said the therapists had done so in their testimony and "this testimony constituted plain effort affecting defendant's substantial rights."

The Court of Appeals, in its opinion, also agreed with the defendant that the trial court abused its discretion by not allowing testimony about an earlier hearing in the case, in which the girls said they sometimes played "a lying game."

During a preliminary hearing for Hopkins, the girls had testified that they sometimes played a game of trying to see who could lie the best. The prosecution brought a pre-trial motion to exclude that evidence, saying it was "not admissible as character evidence."

Parish argued that the evidence was not an attack on character but was "admissible ... as proof of motive, opportunity and intent."

The trial judge ruled in favor of the prosecution, saying "It's a kids' game, and I don't believe that it is relevant in this case. What's relevant is whether or not they're telling the truth here and not whether they're playing childhood games. So I'm not going to allow that in."

The Court of Appeals ruled that the evidence was admissible and its exclusion an error.

The appeals court disagreed with Hopkins' claim that the trial court abused its discretion when it permitted the introduction of evidence of images of adult pornography that were contained on the defendant's computer.

"Defendant argues that the images were not relevant and were unfairly prejudicial. We disagree," the Court of Appeals wrote.

The Court of Appeals further ruled that the trial court did not abuse its discretion by admitting certain DNA analysis into evidence. Further, the appeals court ruled that the trial court did not abuse its discretion by denying Hopkins' motion for a mistrial after the prosecutor's closing argument.

"The prosecutor asserted on several occasions that the witnesses were telling the truth ... (but) did not suggest that she had some special knowledge that the witness was being truthful. Because a prosecutor is permitted to argue that a witness is credible, the trial court in this case did not abuse its discretion by denying defendant's motion for mistrial," the Court of Appeals opinion states.

The court ruled that, while it disagreed with some of the defendant's claims, "We have identified the improper testimonies from two expert witnesses and the improper exclusion of evidence of the 'lying game.' We can determine with confidence that in combination, they undermined the fairness of defendant's trial. We must therefore vacate defendant's convictions and sentences, and remand for a new trial."

On remand, the case is to be assigned to a different trial judge, the Court of Appeals stated.

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## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**
1 Lavish party
5 Tackle a slope
8 Sprees
12 Corker
13 Point a weapon
14 Europe-Asia range
15 Sandler or Driver
16 Foul ball caller
17 Blackthorn
18 London landmark (2 wds.)
20 Secret
22 Ms. Hagen
23 Put down, slangily
24 Brink
27 Fillet a fish
30 Japanese sash
31 Pistols
32 Selma's st.
34 Natural resin
35 Say in fun
36 Homo sapiens
37 Dairy product
39 Ant-sized
41 Add- — (extras)
42 British rule in India
43 Stock feeder
46 Paid attention to
50 Suspend
51 Custom
53 Hunter's wear
54 Flu symptom
55 Suffix for hero
56 Math subj.
57 Famous loch
58 Lassie's refusal
59 Dried-up

**DOWN**
1 Have a big mouth
2 BMW rival
3 Foundry refuse
4 Nonsense
5 Condo luxury
6 Kipling novel
7 Nervy
8 Exactly like this (2 wds.)
9 The younger Guthrie
10 Liverpool poky
11 Yukon hauler
19 Bastille Day season
21 Birds' beaks
24 TV knob
25 Auction site
26 Puerto —
27 Check for fingerprints
28 Reputation
29 Flair
31 George or Ira
33 Whichever
35 Freud contemporary
38 Uses a chisel
39 — kwon do
40 Throws out
42 Verse
43 Lighter- — -air
44 Come unglued
45 Burden
47 Be adventurous
48 Arab prince
49 Old ruler of Venice
52 Simile center

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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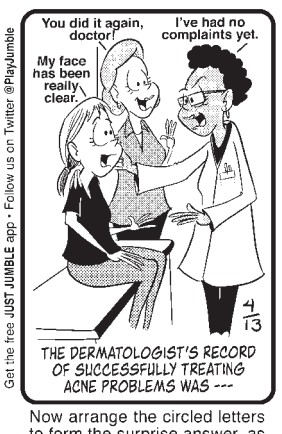
LIDAY

NLISTP

REEBAW


You did it again, doctor!
I've had no complaints yet.
My face has been really clear.
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THE DERMATOLOGIST'S RECORD OF SUCCESSFULLY TREATING ACNE PROBLEMS WAS ---

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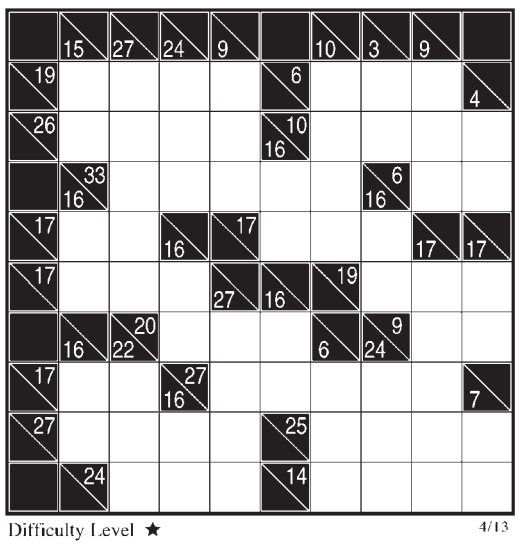
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

*Ans. here:* _____

(Answers tomorrow)

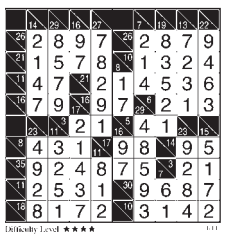
Saturday's Jumbles: PLUMP NAVAL ACTIVE SUBWAY
Answer: The chef refused to cook with "fake noodles" and thought the result would be — AN "IMPASTA"

## KAKURO



**How to play:** Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★ 4/13



## BRIDGE

Winston Churchill said, "When I am abroad, I always make it a rule never to criticize or attack the government of my own country. I make up for lost time when I come home."

In this deal, South is in three no-trump. West leads his fourth-highest heart, and declarer has to try to parry that defense attack. How can South survive?

If you use minor-suit transfers (which have a low frequency), North responds two no-trump, showing six or more diamonds. Then, on round two, he rebids three hearts, indicating a singleton (or void) in that suit. (If responder has a four-card major and a long minor with game-forcing values, he starts with two clubs, Stayman. Then, if a 4-4 major-suit fit is not found, responder shows his minor.)

East wins the first trick with the heart king, then returns the 10, the higher of two remaining cards.

At that point, there is a natural reaction for South to cover with the queen (or jack). This will not work against tough defenders. West will not take that trick. Then East will get in with the diamond king and push through his remaining heart, giving the defenders one diamond and four hearts.

Instead, at trick two, South should play his other low heart. This cuts the defense's communications and leaves them with only one diamond and three hearts.

Finally, are you thinking that East should have played the heart 10 at trick one? That is not without risk (South has the heart ace-jack, and West holds the spade ace), but here South would have to duck, letting the 10 win. Not many players would find that play.

North 04-13-20
♠ K 7 4
♥ 6
♦ A 9 7 6 4 3
♣ K 8 5

West
♠ 10 6 2
♥ A 9 8 3 2
♦ 8 5
♣ J 6 4

East
♠ Q J 9 5
♥ K 10 7
♦ K 2
♣ 10 9 3 2

South
♠ A 8 3
♥ Q J 5 4
♦ Q J 10
♣ A Q 7

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1NT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

Opening lead: ♥ 3

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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**How to play:** Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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## PRIME TIME TV

**TUESDAY EVENING APR. 14**

| | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABC (7)(13)(41)(57) | Wheel of Fortune | The Conners (N) | Bless This M. | mixed-ish (N) | black-ish (N) | For Life "Buried" (N) CC | |
| CBS (2)(3)(22) | Ent. Tonight | NCIS "The Arizona" (N) CC (DVS) | | FBI: Most Wanted "Ironbound" (N) | | FBI: Most Wanted "Ride or Die" (N) | |
| NBC (5)(8)(16) | Ac. Hollywood | Ellen's Game of Games (N) CC | | New Amsterdam "Matter of Seconds" | | Coronavirus Pandemic | |
| FOX (17)(22)(28)(32) | Modern Family | The Masked Singer CC (DVS) | | Empire Lucious continues to run Empire. | | Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC | |
| PBS (34) | Steves' Europe | The Gene: An Intimate History Moral implications of technology. (N) CC | | | | The Definition of Insanity (N) CC | |
| CW (25) | Big Bang Theory | The Flash "The Exorcism of Nash Wells" | | DC's Legends of Tomorrow CC | | News | Seinfeld CC |
| MNT (50) | Family Feud (N) | Chicago P.D. "You Wish" CC (DVS) | | Chicago P.D. "What Could Have Been" | | Chicago P.D. "Sacrifice" CC (DVS) | |
| WCIU (26) | Mike & Molly | The Flash "The Exorcism of Nash Wells" | | DC's Legends of Tomorrow CC | | 2 Broke Girls | 2 Broke Girls |
| WHME (46) | :00 Heartland | Heartland CC (DVS) | | Highway to Heaven CC | | The List (N) CC | Celebrity Page (N) |
| WGN (9) | News | black-ish CC | black-ish CC | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC | |
| A&E | :00 The First 48 | The First 48 CC | | The First 48: Women of Homicide (N) | | The First 48: Women of Homicide (N) | |
| AMC | :00 ★★★ Top Gun ('86, Action) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. CC | | | | ★★★ Speed ('94) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. CC | | |
| Animal | Bu. Peo | Bush People | | Bush People | | Homestead Rescue | |
| BET | 6:00 ★★ ATL ('06) CC | | | ★ When the Bough Breaks ('16) CC | | | |
| Big Ten | MSU | Journey | Big Ten Elite CC | | Journey | Journey | Football |
| Bravo | Vanderpump Rul | Vanderpump Rules "Shame Hangover" | | Vanderpump Rules (N) CC | | Family Karma "Karma's a Beach" CC | |
| Cartoon | Gumball | Home | Burgers | Burgers | Rick | American | American |
| Cinemax | The Hurricane | ★ Wild Hogs ('07) Tim Allen, John Travolta. CC | | | :40 ★★★ The Rundown ('03, Adventure) The Rock. CC | | |
| CMT | Last Man | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom | Mom |
| CNBC | CNBC | Shark Tank CC | | Shark Tank | | The Profit (N) CC | |
| CNN | OutFront | Anderson Cooper | | Cuomo Prime Time | | CNN Tonight | |
| Comedy | Office | Office | Office | Drunk | Drunk | Drunk | Drunk |
| Discovery | Deadliest Catch | Deadliest Catch "The Russians Are Coming" ((SP)) Russia shocks global crab markets. (N) CC | | | | | |
| Disney | Bunk'd | Bunk'd | Bunk'd | Raven | Just Roll | Gabby | Coop |
| DIY | Alaskan | Building Off the Grid | | Building Off the Grid | | Building Off the Grid | |
| E! | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley |
| ESPN | :00 MLB Baseball From Oct 15, 1988. | | | | | | |
| ESPN2 | NFL Live | Top Rank | | Top Rank | | Top Rank | |
| ESPNC | 6:30 College Football From Jan. 1, 2016. | | | | College Football | | |
| Food | Chopped | Chopped CC | | Chopped (N) CC | | Supermarket | |
| Fox News | The Story | Tucker Carlson | | Hannity (N) CC | | The Ingraham Angle | |
| Fox Sports | Letter | Detroit Pistons Classics Game 2. (N) | | | | Motorcycle Race | |
| Freefrm | 5:30 ★★ National Treasure ('04) | | ★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets ('07, Action) Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel. CC | | | | |
| FX | :00 ★★ The Equalizer ('14) Denzel Washington. A former commando champions the helpless. CC | | | | | ★★ The Equalizer ('14) CC | |
| Golf | Coll. Golf | | | Golf's Greatest Rounds CC | | | |
| Hallmark | Once Upon | Love by Chance ('16, Romance) Ben Ayers, Beau Garrett, Brenda Strong. CC | | | | Golden Girls | Golden Girls |
| HBO | ★★★ Shazam! ('19, Action) Zachary Levi, Mark Strong, Asher Angel. CC | | | | :45 Insecure Issa prepares for a mixer. | | :20 Run CC |
| History | Oak Is | Digging Deeper | | Curse-Island | | The Secret of Skin | |
| HGTV | Love-List | Bargain Mansions | | Bargain Mansions | | Hunters | Hunt Intl |
| Learning | 7 Little | Little People, World | | Little People, World | | 7 Little Johnstons | |
| Lifetime | Grey's Anatomy | ★★ Stepmom ('98, Drama) Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon. A woman tries hard to make her lover's children accept her. CC | | | | | |
| MSNBC | Decision | All In With | | Rachel Maddow | | Coronavirus | |
| MTV | Twilight | Teen Mom OG CC | | Families of the Mafia | | Ridic. | Ridic. |
| NBCSCH | Sports | Chicago Blackhawks Classics | | | | | White |
| NFL | NFL Total | NFL Mock Draft Live | | A Football Life | | A Football Life | |
| Nick | Sponge. | Danger | Sponge. | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends |
| NGEO | Life Be | Life Below Zero | | Life Below Zero | | :03 Life Below Zero | |
| Oxygen | :00 Snapped Glamorized as a well-educated killer. CC | | | Ted Bundy: In Defense of CC | | Manson: The Women CC | |
| Parmt | ★★★★ Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81) CC | | | | | Ink Master (N) CC | |
| Showtime | ★ Peppermint | Homeland No one admits to anything. | | Mary Magdalene ('18, Drama) Rooney Mara. The story of Mary Magdalene. CC | | | |
| Starz | :03 ★★ The Girl in the Spider's Web ('18) Claire Foy. | | | :01 Outlander "Famous Last Words" | | ★★★ Once Upon a Time... In Hollywood | |
| STZENC | :35 ★★ 30 Minutes or Less ('11) Jesse Eisenberg. CC | | | ★ Showtime ('02) Robert De Niro, Eddie Murphy. CC | | | Nutty Prof. 2 |
| SyFy | Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets | ★★★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ('04) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. CC (DVS) | | | | | |
| TBS | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | The Last O.G. (N) |
| TCM | 6:15 Hysteria | ★★★ Cheaper by the Dozen ('50) Clifton Webb. CC | | | :45 ★★★ The Man Who Never Was ('56) Clifton Webb. | | |
| TMC | 6:30 SuperGrid | ★★ From Dusk Till Dawn ('96, Horror) Harvey Keitel, George Clooney. CC | | | | ★★★ District 9 ('09) CC | |
| TNT | ★★★★ The Wizard of Oz ('39) | | | | Snow White & the Huntsman | | |
| Travel | Ghost | Ghost Adventures (N) CC | | | | Ghost Nation (N) | |
| TV Land | Andy G. | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Two Men | Two Men |
| USA | Law & Order: SVU | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit | |
| VH1 | Wild/Out | Wild/Out | Wild/Out | Wild 'n Out | | Wild/Out | Wild/Out |
| WGN-A | :00 ★★★ Captain Phillips ('13, Docudrama) Tom Hanks, Catherine Keener, Barkhad Abdi. CC | | | | | ★★★ Captain Phillips ('13) CC | |

# Mom tires of chauffeuring daughter without a license

**Jeanne Phillips**
Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** My 20-year-old daughter refuses to get her driver's license. She took the learner's permit test four times when she was 16, failed it each time and gave up. She goes to college online and has a job at the local store. Next week she is going to be promoted to assistant manager.

I don't work, but I'm tired of driving her around. We live in a small town that has no public transportation. Every time her father or I mention getting her license, she says, "Don't start" or, "I don't want to talk about it!" She doesn't date, but is very involved in church. She has her own phone, which she pays for, and also pays for gas. She's responsible in every way – she just REFUSES to drive! HELP! – Tired Of Being A Taxi Mom

**DEAR TIRED:** Your 20-year-old daughter is a smart cookie. Unlike you, she doesn't have to worry about car payments, insurance premiums or the cost of parking. As long as you agree to chauffeur her around, she isn't going to provide her own transportation. I suggest you encourage her to get a bicycle. And after four years, it's time for her to take the driver's test again.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married nine years and have two major issues in our marriage:

1. He feels I spend too much money.

2. I think he spends too much time away from home doing things he wants to do.

We have fallen into this cycle of him being away from home, so I spend money, which results in him spending more time away from home. Should we have separate bank accounts? Should I make him cancel some of his weekly activities? – Struggling In St. Louis

**DEAR STRUGGLING:** Separate bank accounts might be a good idea, provided you don't use yours to mask the fact that you're spending more than you should. As to "making" your husband cancel some of his weekly activities, I don't think it would work to your benefit.

A better solution/investment would be for the two of you to talk this out in the office of a licensed marriage and family counselor, because it appears you're spending as a way to punish your husband for his absence, which is not only not constructive but DEstructive. Doing activities outside the home TOGETHER might also be helpful.

**DEAR ABBY:** My former spouse, the father of our adult daughters, recently passed. He will be cremated. Although he did not remarry, I did. Our youngest daughter has made all the burial arrangements.

My ex and I did not communicate much after the divorce. What is my role as mother? Do I send flowers, greet attendees, as if we were still together? We were married almost 30 years. – What Should I Do?

**DEAR WHAT SHOULD I DO:** Your role as the mother is to support your daughters and the rest of the family. If your daughters want you there, be there for them. Greet anyone you know politely and thank them for being there for "the family." If you wish to send flowers, by all means do so. But beyond that, nothing more is required of you.

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# Matron of honor wants out of the bachelorette party

**Carolyn Hax**

*Adapted from an online discussion.*

**DEAR CAROLYN:** I'm the matron of honor in a wedding this fall. Other bridesmaids are planning a bachelorette getaway at the end of the summer. I have a baby and told them I wouldn't be able to get away for that long to a destination that far away because of breastfeeding and child care. I made it absolutely clear I was happy to miss the festivities and would make it up to the bride at another time.

To my surprise, a month later, they said they had scratched that plan and come up with something new, shorter and closer, to include me.

Unfortunately, all the difficulties are still there, and I can't/don't want to go. But I feel like I have to, since they went so far out of their way to make it possible. None of these women has kids and they probably think I am being ridiculous but are being kind about it. What do I do? – Philadelphia

**PHILADELPHIA:** "Oh, no, I must not have been clear – it's the *time* away from the baby I can't swing, not the distance."

Or, you make the venue change pay off for you and make only a brief appearance. I don't believe in guilt-based decision-making, but there is something lovely about being wanted, and maybe the modified trip would be a nice break for you.

But if you really just don't have the will or energy, then you say no. "But I want you all to know how much it means to me that you tried."

**RE: NEW MOM:** This so succinctly shows why I am not a huge fan of how, in our culture, we tell people no by explaining our reasons. I'm sure she said, trying to avoid hurt feelings, "I wouldn't be able to get away for that long to a destination that far away," when she really meant, "I really can't go." So people hear there is a way to solve the problems. I just wish people would just say no when they mean no, and others would take that without hurt feelings. – Sigh

**SIGH:** Sigh. "The Gift of Fear" by Gavin de Becker covers this memorably.

In this case, the plan-changers also neglected to ask the matron of honor, "If we did X instead of Y, would that make a difference?"

**RE: PHILADELPHIA:** I completely understand how hard it is to travel away from a tiny breastfeeding human. That said, I encourage the letter-writer to think hard about the "can't" vs. "don't want to" part. Both are absolutely legitimate, but there's a difference between truly being unable to do something and being overwhelmed by the planning part of something you'd otherwise really enjoy. I *had* to travel for a work interview when my breastfeeding kiddo was just a few months old. I was a wreck for weeks beforehand, pumping and storing enough milk to last a fortnight when I was only gone for a few days. But once I got there, I so enjoyed the break from being Mom and was much better for it when I returned. And I got the job. – Better for It

**BETTER FOR IT:** I like these back-to-back because working through the "the 'can't' vs. 'don't want to' part" beforehand is essential to the effective-communication part. Thanks.

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## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**
1 Practice boxing
5 With, to Maurice
9 Had for dinner
12 Show up
13 Husband or wife
14 Glasgow kid
15 Baldwin or Guinness
16 Bananalike fruit
18 Eyeglass
20 Inventor Nikola
21 Notre Dame sight
22 Get the point
23 Simple dessert (hyph.)
26 "Muppet Show" host
29 Sun Devils sch.
30 Watch — step!
32 Large chunk
34 Egyptian goddess
36 Dog's barks
38 Colorful carp
39 Date
41 Rodeo prop
43 Conditions
44 Veto
45 Rowboat
48 Finite
52 Clean
54 Busy European airport
55 Incan treasure
56 Stratagem
57 Masculine
58 Teacup handle
59 Marshal's badge
60 Ran

**DOWN**
1 Defraud
2 Game played on horseback
3 Last word
4 Kickback
5 Sufficient
6 Caesar's farewell
7 JFK posting
8 Basketball position
9 "Woe is me!"
10 Mouse appendage
11 Ms. Ferber
17 Crawls (with)
19 Be overly sweet
22 Medieval laborer
23 — alai
24 Latin I verb
25 Nobelist — Alvarez
26 Author — Vonnegut
27 Types
28 Southwest art colony
31 Rowboat's need
33 Personal history
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37 Lithe
40 Bids
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44 More helpful
45 Foot covering
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47 Borodin's "Prince —"
48 Simpson kid
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50 Vogue rival
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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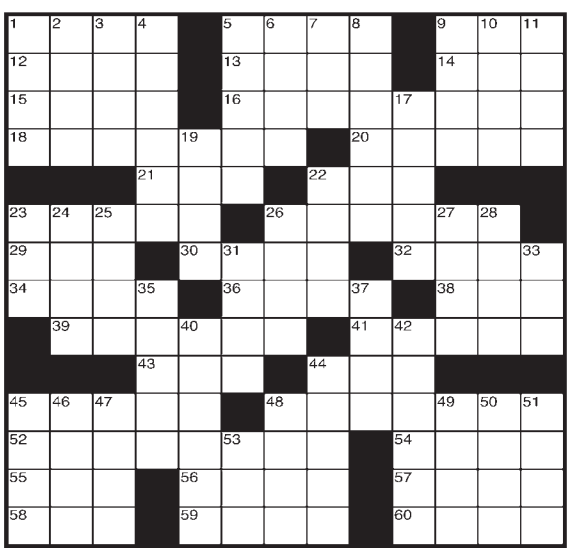

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PHIOP

BSILS

NAPTUE

OYMLOG

THE HOLE LOVE
Would you like to try our specialty?
I've never had a whole one!
THE SEABIRD'S NEW BUSINESS NEAR THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE WAS A ---
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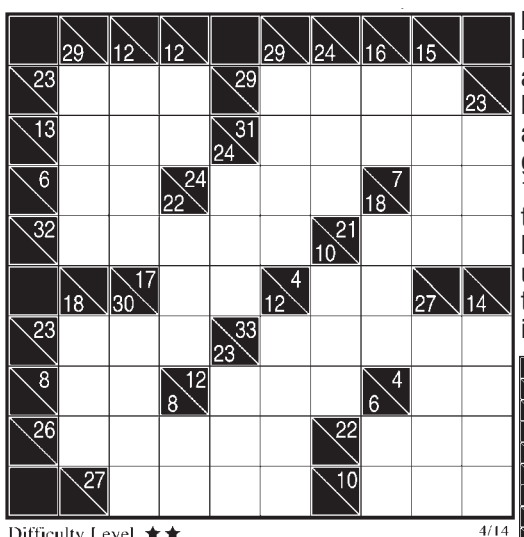
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____-_____" _____

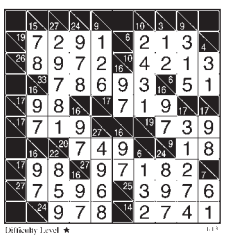
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MULCH DAILY SPLINT BEWARE
Answer: The dermatologist's record of successfully treating acne problems was — UNBLEMISHED

## KAKURO




**How to play:** Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



## BRIDGE

Alfred North Whitehead, who was an English mathematician and philosopher, said, "It requires a very unusual mind to make an analysis of the obvious."

It can also require an unusual mind to make an analysis of the obscure. In today's deal, how should the play go in four spades? West leads the club jack. East takes two tricks in the suit, then shifts to a trump.

South, with a six-loser hand, made a three-spade game-try. North happily bid four spades because his single raise indicated nine losers, but he had only eight (three spades, one heart, two diamonds and two clubs).

Declarer had nine winners: six spades, one heart and two diamonds. There were two obvious chances for an extra trick: the heart finesse or establishing dummy's diamond suit. South correctly tried diamonds first. After drawing trumps, he cashed his top diamonds and ruffed one in hand. When they failed to split 3-3, though, declarer took the heart finesse. It lost, and he went down one, losing two clubs and two hearts.

South complained about his bad luck, but North had spotted the unusual winning play. He pointed out that declarer shouldn't have ruffed the third round of diamonds. Instead, he should have discarded a heart. What could East have done?

If he led a heart, it would have been into dummy's ace-queen. If he played his last diamond, South would have ruffed, crossed to the heart ace and cashed the high diamond eight. Or, if East returned a club, South would have sluffed another heart from his hand and ruffed on the board, gaining a seventh trump trick.

North 04-14-19
♠ 7 6 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ K 8 5 4 2
♣ 9 4

West
♠ 8 5
♥ J 9 7 4
♦ Q 10
♣ J 10 8 6 3

East
♠ 4 3
♥ K 6 5
♦ J 9 6 3
♣ A K 7 2

South
♠ A K Q J 10 9
♥ 10 8 2
♦ A 7
♣ Q 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |

Opening lead: ♣ J

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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| | | | | | 5 | 2 | | |
| | 9 | 6 | | 7 | 4 | 3 | | |
| 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 2 | | | | |
| 6 | 2 | | | 5 | 9 | 1 | | |
| 7 | 1 | 5 | | 3 | | 9 | 6 | 2 |
| | | 8 | 1 | 6 | | | 5 | 4 |
| | | | | 4 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 9 |
| | | 9 | 2 | 8 | | 5 | 7 | |
| | | 1 | 6 | | | | | |

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**How to play:** Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 5 |
| 5 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 2 |
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| 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
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| 3 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 4 |
| 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 8 |
| 7 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 7 |

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**PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND/OR CAPITAL ASSISTANCE**

All citizens are advised that Van Buren Public Transit has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2021 as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal assistance as required under the federal transit laws, as amended.

Van Buren Public Transit is requesting a total of $2,845,295.00 through the following funding programs:

| Program | Description | Total Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Section 5311 | Federal Operating Assistance | $369,104.00 |
| State Formula Operating | State Operating Assistance | $754,441.00 |
| CMAQ | Revenue Vehicles (buses) | $424,000.00 |
| Section 5339 | Revenue Vehicles (buses)<br>Scheduling Software<br>AVL Technology for vehicles<br>Facility Expansion<br>to house vehicles | $1,297,750.00 |

Van Buren Public Transit ensures that the level and quality of transportation service is provided without regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information regarding our Title VI obligations or to file a complaint, please contact us at the address given below.

The proposed application is on file at Van Buren Public Transit, 610 David Walton Drive, Bangor, Michigan 49013; and may be reviewed during a 30-day period April 12th – May 12, 2020, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for notice of the scheduled date, time, and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be sent to: Van Buren Public Transit, 610 David Walton Drive, Bangor, Michigan 49013 or via email to dacobat@vbco.org.

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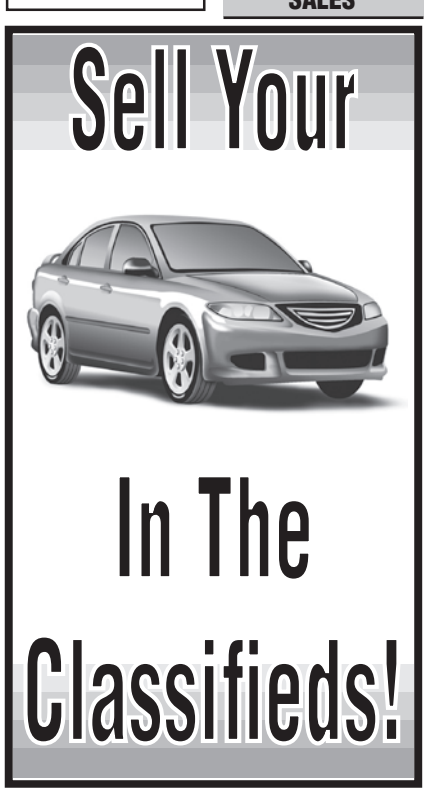


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## HOROSCOPE

**By EUGENIA LAST**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14**

Keep your life in perspective. Overreacting will not help you get ahead. Concentrate on what you can do, not on what you can't. Dedication, loyalty and positive input will help you gain respect and secure the help you require to get ahead. Personal improvement will lead to stability.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Romance is in the stars. A relationship will turn into an asset. Your outgoing personality will help you progress professionally. An application you submit will be approved.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Exaggeration could lead to a costly mistake. Discipline will be required when temptation tries to take charge. If you stick to what you do well, you will excel.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** A romantic gesture will take you by surprise. Proceed with caution. Someone may neglect to be forthright about his or her past. Make an intelligent assessment. Don't take risks.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your mood swings will confuse the people around you. Take a break, sort out your feelings and say little until you know what you want. Put your energy into a creative project.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Expand your knowledge, awareness and interests, and express your feelings. Don't take on something that doesn't interest you. Gravitate toward people who share your sentiments, and establish lasting friendships.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** If you network or attend educational events, you'll make new connections. Mix business with pleasure to discover new ways to optimize your time.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Don't get involved in other people's personal affairs. Concentrate on what will make a difference in your life and help you advance. A physical change will enhance your appearance.

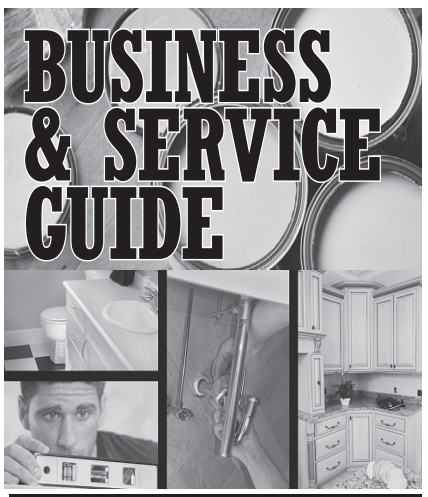
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Expect to encounter a change. If you look at the positive aspect of what's unfolding, you will be able to let go of the past and take advantage of what's available.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Don't trust a dubious fast-cash offer. Stick to what and who you know, and avoid any sort of risk that could disrupt your personal life. Romance is on the rise.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Someone will surprise you with information you thought was a secret. Tread carefully, as temptation will set in if you are gullible or too trusting. You should question everyone and everything.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Let your memories lead you in the right direction. Gravitate toward the people and things that have always brought you the greatest joy. Personal gain is within reach, and romance is encouraged.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Someone from your past will offer insight into a life-change you are experiencing. Embrace the inevitable and do what's best for you. A new beginning looks promising.

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# OBITUARIES

## Phillip Dell Nadeau

March 1, 1932 – April 10, 2020

Phillip Dell Nadeau, 88, of Covert died Friday, April 10, 2020, at his home, under the loving care of his wife, Jan.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial celebration will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made in Phil's name to Caring Circle Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Phil was born on March 1, 1932, to Joseph and Harriett Nadeau. He was a 1949 graduate of St. Joseph High School in Muskegon. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country in the Korean War, receiving several awards. Upon returning home, he became a Michigan State Trooper before starting his long career in real estate, as a Realtor, broker, appraiser and developer throughout Southwest Michigan. He was a founding member of the Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors and received a commendation for 50 years of service.

In August of 1957, Phil married Marie Carollo. They had seven children, four boys and three girls, plus adopted a son.

Phil was a member of the Knights Of Columbus, Elks Club and Yacht Club in South Haven, as well as the Fraternal Order of Police.

Phil is survived but his wife of 36 years, Jan; children: Marie (Steve) Fedewa, Cecile (John) Johnson, Cathy Maczala, James (Kathie) Nadeau, Phillip (Dianna) Nadeau, John (Lissa) Nadeau, Michael Nadeau and Jerry (Dawn) Kemmer; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and siblings: Louise Nadeau, Lora Kushnak, Mary Fitzpatrick and Joseph Nadeau.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Roger Nadeau; and sister, Yvonne Popp.

Those wishing to leave an online message of comfort for the family may do so at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home using the "Guestbook" at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

## Dolores Davis

April 8, 1930 – April 12, 2020

Dolores Davis, 90, of Stevensville passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

A graveside service will be announced and held later this summer at Ruggles Cemetery, Baroda. Memorial contributions may be given to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Dolores was born April 8, 1930, in Sawyer, the daughter of the late Edward and Eva (Kugler) Krieger. On April 14, 1951, she married Lee "Skip" Warren Davis, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 22, 2019. Dolores had been a cook at Stewart Elementary School in Stevensville and retired from the Cook Energy Information Center.

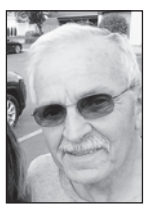
Survivors include her children: Peggy Gaul, Diane (Bill) Loeffler, Dennis Davis, Dale Mitchell and Mike (Mary) Davis; grandchildren: Shawn (Tara) Gaul, Monica Loeffler, Brian (Melissa) Loeffler, Sara (Wes) Hornback and Ryan Gaul; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Darwin Krieger; her sister, Barbara Franzon; and twin sister, Dorothea Crocker.

Dolores was also preceded in death by her son-in-law, Steven Gaul; grandsons, Dustin and Eric; her brothers, LeRoy, Tom and Edward; and sister, Betty Van Hellen.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman.

## Ron L. Christopher Sr.

Feb. 16, 1950 – April 10, 2020



Ron L. Christopher Sr., 70, of St. Joseph passed away Friday, April 10, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville.

A private celebration of life service will be held at Starks & Menchinger Chapel with the Rev. Richard Kiser officiating. Private burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. A public celebration of life service will be announced after the current health safety restrictions are lifted.

Memorial donations in Ron's name can be made to Hanson Hospice Center or Berrien County Cancer Service.

Those wishing to sign Ron's memory book and view his service can do so online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Ron was born Feb. 16, 1950, in St. Joseph, to James Sr. and Rose (Jenkins) Christopher. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1969. On Feb. 17, 1972, he married the former Darnell Davis in Benton Harbor.

Ron was employed as a die cast operator at Cast-Matic in Stevensville. Ron enjoyed spending time with his family and attending his granddaughter's soccer games. He was an avid bowler and participated in many leagues at Blossom Lanes and Kelley's Bowl.

In his free time, Ron enjoyed fishing, camping, following Dale Earnhardt Jr., attending races at U.S. 131 and Osceola dragstrips, rooting for the University of Michigan Wolverines, attending garage sales and repairing lawnmowers for family and friends. Ron was known as a jokester. His pranks will be missed by all who were ever a recipient.

Ron is survived by his wife, Darnell; his children, Heather (Brian) Drewyor of Portage, Mich., and Ron (Betheni Taylor) Christopher Jr. of Mishawaka, Ind.; six grandchildren, Hailey Christopher, Ashley (Mark) Kraft, Mya Osburn, Bailey Drewyor, Kyla Drewyor and Eliot Drewyor; great-granddaughter, Aurora Kraft; siblings, James D. (Betty) Christopher of Benton Harbor, Michael (Elaine) Christopher of Albuquerque, N.M., Dan (Sue) Christopher of South Haven and Cora (Gary) Igert of Watervliet; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and stepmother, James and Marty Christopher; his mother, Rose Christopher; his sister, Diane Curtis; and his brother, James F. Christopher Jr.

## William 'Bill' Buie

Oct. 4, 1954 – April 10, 2020

William "Bill" Buie, age 65, of Michigan City, Ind., passed away Friday, April 10, 2020.

Bill was born Oct. 4, 1954, to Billy and Betty Buie, in Detroit. On May 19, 1989, he married Patricia Duszynski Clemons.

Bill is survived by his wife, Patricia of Michigan City; father, Billy, and stepmother, Rosemary, of Taylor, Mich.; brother, Don (Sandy) Buie of Southgate, Mich.; and stepbrother, Gerry Buie of Monroe, Mich.

Bill is preceded in death by his mother, Betty.

Bill loved nature, photography and sports. He had been employed at LECO Corp. in St. Joseph before he became ill.

Special thanks go out to Hamilton Grove Nursing Facility in New Carlisle, Ind., for helping with Bill's care and to Comfort One Hospice for their care.

Cremation has taken place and arrangements have been entrusted to Geisen-Carlisle Funeral Home, 613 Washington St., Michigan City. Please share prayers, condolences and memories with Bill's family at GeisenFuneral Home.com.

## James 'Jim' Welch

Oct. 13, 1939 – April 9, 2020

James "Jim" Welch, 80, of North Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Watervliet died Thursday, April 9, 2020, at The Willows Assisted Living in St. Joseph.

Jim's life began Oct. 13, 1939, in Kalamazoo. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, and was a graduate of Western Michigan University.

Jim settled in Watervliet and farmed blueberries. He and his loving wife, Peggy, retired to Florida several years ago. Jim was a pilot, an avid banjo player, golfer and Harley rider.

Jim leaves behind a loving family to cherish his memory, including: his wife of 49 years, Peggy (Fisher) Welch; two children, Amy Sirmans and Rick Sabadin; two granddaughters, Shyla and Grace; a sister, Elle Boyles; and nieces and nephews.

His parents, Irvin and Jennie Welch; and brother, Dick Welch, preceded him in death.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet is assisting the family with cremation arrangements, and they will celebrate his life at a later date.

To leave a message of comfort for his family, visit www.hutchinsfuneral.com.

## Death notices

**Robert Barton,** 95, of Cassopolis died April 11, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

**William "Bill" Buie**, 65, of Michigan City, Ind., died April 10, 2020. Geisen-Carlisle Funeral & Cremation Services, Michigan City, (219) 874-4214.

**Ron L. Christopher Sr.**, 70, of St. Joseph died April 10, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Vicky J. Clayton**, 61, of Berrien Center died April 12, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, 461-4241.

**Dolores Davis**, 90, of Stevensville died April 12, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

**Danielle Garvin**, 29, of Niles died April 10, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

**Gloria "Dee Dee" Graves**, 85, of Niles died Oct. 26, 2019. Swem Chapel and Cremation Services, Buchanan, 695-6881.

**Richard Katterheinrich**, 59, of Edwardsburg died April 11, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

**Gordon L. "Lee" Mikesell**, 81, of Stevensville died April 12, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Mamie J. Okeke**, 86, of Niles died April 10, 2020, at home. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

**Christine Praskac**, 95, of St. Joseph died April 12, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Samuel Lee Pyburn**, 72, of Benton Harbor died April 10, 2020, at Hallmark Living, Benton Harbor. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremations Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

**Christine Ramer**, 59, of Niles died April 12, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

**Harold Walter Reed**, 87, of Dowagiac died April 9, 2020, at The Timbers of Cass County, Dowagiac. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

**John I. Scheuer**, 83, of Coloma died April 12, 2020, at Hallmark Living, Benton Harbor. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

**Ronald Edward Taylor**, 61, of Holland, Mich., died April 9, 2020, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

**James "Jim" Welch**, 80, of North Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Watervliet, died April 9, 2020, at The Willows, St. Joseph. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

**Eduardo Zurita**, 88, of Berrien Springs died April 13, 2020, at Royalton Manor, St. Joseph. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

## Christine Praskac

March 20, 1925 – April 12, 2020

Christine Praskac, 95, of St. Joseph passed away Sunday, April 12, 2020, at her home.

A Celebration of Life Service will be announced at a later date, due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Private graveside services and burial took place in Mona View Cemetery in Muskegon Heights, Mich., with the Rev. Kenneth Michnay officiating. Memorial donations in Christine's name may be made to Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church, Muskegon. Those wishing to sign Christine's Memory Book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Christine was born March 20, 1925, in Muskegon Heights, to Martin and Suzanna (Sukupa) Praskac. She graduated from Muskegon Heights High School and moved with her sister's family to St. Joseph. There she spent 30 years with West Michigan Wholesale on Niles Ave. in St. Joseph. After the business was sold, Christine spent 25 years working for her sister and brother-in-law at Hilltop Flowers on Hilltop Road. Christine was proud to be a first generation American. She was a lifetime member of Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church in Muskegon. She enjoyed being outdoors to take in the beauty of the sunshine and nature, and the time spent with her family and friends.

Christine is survived by her nephew, Edward Todd of Stevensville; her niece, Sue (Lee) Christensen of Byron Center, Mich.; several other nieces and nephews; and her caregiver, Kylene Zech.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and four sisters: Rose Todd Suchovsky, Anna Praskac, Sue Jarka and Mildred Lussky.

# Scientists say Joshua trees may warrant listing as a threatened species

**By LOUIS SAHAGUN**
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

LOS ANGELES — Joshua trees face the risk of extinction after decades of development, drought and more frequent wildfires due to climate change in their Mojave Desert stronghold, according to California wildlife authorities who are recommending that the trees be considered for listing as an endangered species.

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife on Monday said it based its recommendation on a review of a petition submitted by the Center for Biological Diversity, which argues that the western Joshua tree's spindly desert woodlands are "likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future" without protection under the California Endangered Species Act.

The fate of Joshua Tree National Park's namesake plant is now in the hands of the state Fish and Game commissioners. They are to decide in June whether to accept the department's recommendation and declare the tree a candidate for listing. If the trees are listed, the law requires state wildlife managers to devise a recovery plan for them, which could limit development on some of Southern California's sunniest real estate.

A final decision is expected sometime next year.

Public announcement of the department's recommendation was delayed several days due to a teleconference with the commissioners on Thursday that descended into chaos after they were overwhelmed by hundreds of angry anglers participating in the call. Many of the critics who labeled the commissioners "fascists" and shouted "make fishing great again!" mistakenly believed they aimed to cancel the entire fishing season statewide.

Conservationists see Monday's announcement as a triumph of state environmental law. Critics, however, describe it as misguided overreach because Joshua trees are already protected under many city and county ordinances, and within the 800,000-acre national park.

"We're elated that Joshua trees are a step closer to protection," said Brendan Cummings, the center's conservation director and a resident of the community of Joshua Tree. "We urge the state to finalize these protections quickly so Joshua trees can survive and thrive in California for generations to come."

But the prospect of offering more protection to Joshua trees concerns some residents in struggling high desert communities such as Yucca Valley, about 10 miles northwest of the main entrance to the national park.

The town of 21,000 residents, which sits along California 62 about 25 miles north of Palm Springs, has a median household income of about $45,200, compared with about $60,100 countywide, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"In my opinion, Joshua trees are as majestic as redwoods," said Bob Armstrong, a real estate broker and resident of Yucca Valley for 40 years. "But it would be ridiculous to make it tougher than it already is for citizens to move a Joshua tree in order to improve their property by, say, building a swimming pool."

Local jurisdictions in Joshua tree habitat that currently have plant protection ordinances include Hesperia, Palmdale, Victorville, Yucca Valley and Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

The petition argues, however, that existing state laws and ordinances that require permits to harvest or sell native desert plants may help protect individual trees but are largely inadequate at protecting the species from habitat loss.

In addition, since Joshua trees are not listed as threatened or endangered species, it is uncertain whether the potential environmental effects of a large-scale development or highway project would be adequately mitigated, the petition says.

### Getting it straight

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## DO YOU REMEMBER?

### 25 years ago – 1995

With the new bridge across the St. Joseph River opening up almost a month ahead of schedule, merchants in Berrien Springs are getting ready for the return of their customers who live on the other side of the river.

Bernie Peterson, who owns the Daybreak Cafe that is located next to the approach to the bridge, said it can't be too soon for him. "I'm sure my business will increase when all the front-end loaders and road equipment are out of the way," he said.

### 35 years ago – 1985

A 12,000-square-foot manufacturer's shoe outlet is scheduled to open next month at Brick Alley in Fairplain Plaza, Benton Township, according to Dave Koehneke, spokesman for the Plaza. Koehneke said the outlet will be operated by the retail division of Wolverine World Wide. Wolverine manufactures Hush Puppies and other shoes. Its retail operations include Little Red Shoe House stores.

### 50 years ago – 1970

The South Haven Board of Education received the resignation last night of Adrian Sikkers, senior high principal since 1966. He has been principal of L.C. Mohr High School for the last four years, and was the junior high principal before that. Sikkers said he wants to return to teaching junior high mathematics and will do that at South Haven. He has been employed with South Haven Schools since 1945.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, April 14, the 105th day of 2020. There are 261 days left in the year.

**Highlight in history:**

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington.

**On this date:**

In 1759, German-born English composer George Frideric Handel died in London at age 74.

In 1902, James Cash Penney opened his first store, The Golden Rule, in Kemmerer, Wyo.

In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. ship's time and began sinking. (The ship went under two hours and 40 minutes later with the loss of 1,514 lives.)

In 1935, the "Black Sunday" dust storm descended upon the central Plains, turning a sunny afternoon into total darkness.

In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published by Viking Press.

In 1956, Ampex Corp. demonstrated the first practical videotape recorder at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago.

In 1965, the state of Kansas hanged Richard Hickock and Perry Smith for the 1959 "In Cold Blood" murders of Herbert Clutter, his wife, Bonnie, and two of their children, Nancy and Kenyon.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

## 5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

| Today | Tonight | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy | Few Snow Showers | Mostly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy |
| 41° | 30° | 38° / 28° | 40° / 32° | 42° / 34° | 50° / 44° |

### Local Outlook

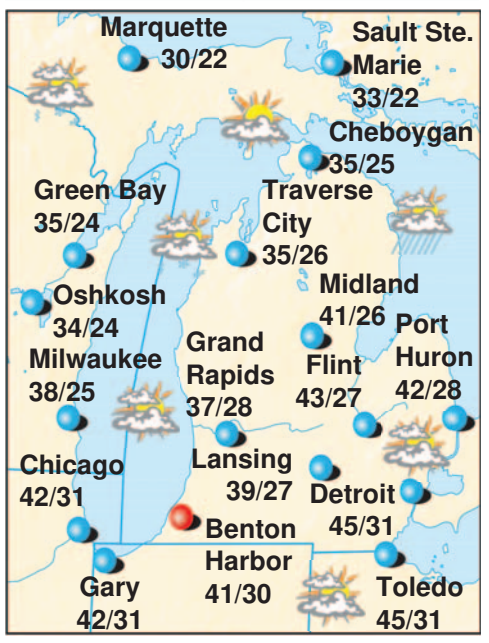
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 41°, humidity of 43%. West southwest wind 11 to 17 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 30°. West wind 3 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 25°.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:05 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:26 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 3:02 a.m.
Moonset ..... 12:15 p.m.

| Last | New | First | Full |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4/14 | 4/22 | 4/30 | 5/7 |

### Regional Map




### Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

**Temperature**

| | |
|---|---|
| High | 43° |
| Low | 31° |
| Normal High | 59° |
| Normal Low | 38° |
| Record High | 81° in 2006 |
| Record Low | 27° in 2003 |

**Precipitation**

| | |
|---|---|
| Yesterday | 0.02" |
| Month to date | 1.50" |
| Normal for month | 1.40" |
| Year to date | 8.39" |
| Normal Year to date | 7.05" |

### Air Quality

Yesterday ..... 38
Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

**0-50** ..... Good
**51-100** ..... Moderate
**101-150** .... Sensitive
**151-200** .. Unhealthy

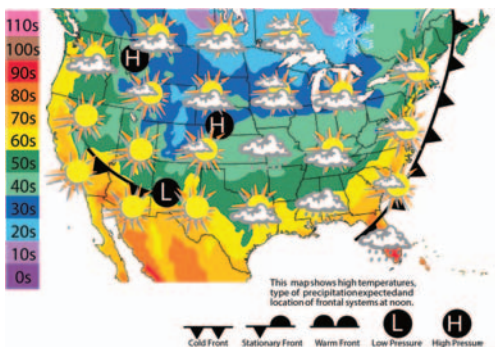
### Weather Trivia

*Have tornadoes occurred in every state?*

Answer: Yes.

### National Weather Map

Forecast map for April 14, 2020

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### Lake Michigan

Today, WSW wind 10 to 16 kt. Partly sunny. Waves 6 ft subsiding to 3 ft. Water temperature 43 degrees. Tonight, WNW wind 9 to 11 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves 2 to 3 ft.

### Michigan Forecast

**Upper Peninsula**

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers and showers, highs in the 30s. West southwest wind 15 to 19 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 30s. West wind 3 to 11 mph.

**Lower Peninsula**

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s and 40s. West southwest wind 11 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with isolated showers, highs in the 30s and 40s. West wind 3 to 6 mph.

## CARE

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just what I would want."

John Pijanowski, who teaches in an educational leadership program at the University of Arkansas, said it felt wrong not to be with his father at the end.

"There's this natural instinct of wanting to rush to their side. We want to be with them; we don't want them to be alone," Pijanowski said.

Children of the Depression, Don and Kate Pijanowski began dating when they were little more than kids. He had a shock of sandy hair, she had a shy smile, and both had bright blue eyes. They married young and had four boys.

Don tried to enlist in the military during World War II but was too young; he went on to work in machine factories and later repair equipment on the road, his son said. A natural athlete, he sometimes got jobs and good shifts so he could play on factory league athletic teams.

Kate Pijanowski, an author, was in declining health for years before she died in 2007. John went to Buffalo a few weeks before her death to help his father, and the brothers were able to support each other and their dad when she died.

"By the time it was time for her to pass we were all gathered around," he said.

In contrast, their dad's quick decline and death felt like a bullet out of nowhere.

Pijanowski noticed his father coughing a little when they spoke by phone on March 26, but it's spring allergy season and nothing seemed amiss.

"It's not like he was out of breath. We talked for like 45 minutes. It was a good conversation. I had every reason to believe that he was OK," he said.

None of the brothers talked their dad the next couple of days, and Mike Pijanowski, who lives in Buffalo, went to the house when calls went unanswered on March 29. He found his dad on the floor in distress and called for help.

Doctors at a Buffalo hospital tested him for the new coronavirus; his condition was so critical he was quickly placed on a ventilator and slipped into a coma. Kidney failure led to a difficult discussion between the brothers and doctors, who said they couldn't do any more.

Taken off a ventilator, Pijanowski died within hours on April 1. The brothers don't know if their father heard their final message as he laid unconscious and alone in a hospital bed, but a doctor told them everything went as smoothly as possible, and the message was delivered.

"We have faith that they did that for us," he said. "It's the best we can have."

## TARP HOUSE

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was done.

The issue resurfaced in 2015, and Knuth took out a permit to fix the roof, but again no work was done, despite repeated reminders.

In 2017, the city inspector obtained a search warrant to enter the house. Inside he found extensive water damage, mold, debris, crumbling walls and holes in the floor.

A demolition order was issued, and was appealed to the property maintenance board. The city inspector claimed it would cost $122,000 to repair the house that had a market value of around $50,000, after repairs.

The owner sought a reversal of a Court of Appeals decision that upheld the city's 2017 demolition order.

That was preceded by concurring decisions by the Berrien County court and the city's Property Maintenance Board of Appeals that the house was uninhabitable because of extensive mold and water damage, and should be torn down.

In October 2019, the Michigan Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of the order to demolish the house.

The owner had argued the demolition order was issued without due process of law, and that he wasn't given enough time to make repairs. However, the state's Supreme Court disagreed.

Knuth has been cited for property code violations at other locations in St. Joseph.

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## CLUSTER

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total deaths from COVID-19 to five.

All five cases have been older men with underlying health conditions.

The BCHD reported Monday that it now has 105 positive cases, a rise of only one case from Sunday. In addition, 53 people have recovered from the virus.

The health department continues to perform contact tracing for all identified COVID-19 positive individuals in Berrien County, resulting in over 1500 contacts made so far.

In Van Buren County, there are 22 positive cases of COVID-19, up from 21 reported Sunday.

Cass County remains steady at 11 positive cases. Both counties still have one death.

The state and county health departments update the number of positive COVID-19 cases at 3 p.m. each day. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

### Drive-thru testing

InterCare Community Health Network, which has a clinic in Benton Harbor, announced it will work Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to operate a drive-thru testing site for COVID-19 in Berrien County at 800 M-139, Benton Harbor. The purpose is to expand testing capabilities, refer patients to care and relieve overburdened hospitals, the agency said in a news release.

InterCare said the Benton Harbor site is open now to all local residents. Residents with symptoms but who do not have a referral should first call 855-869-6900 for more information.

"Our mission is to improve community health by providing comprehensive, patient-centered primary health care," said Velma Hendershott, chief executive officer of InterCare Community Health Network. "As we find ourselves in unique and unprecedented times, we are pleased to have the opportunity to partner with MDHHS in this initiative as we continue to work to increase access and improve community health."

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## BERNARD

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employees," she said, when contacted by phone last week. "Overflow Church bought us sandwiches a couple of weeks ago for the staff. ... For the most part, everyone is thankful that we're here."

To keep the virus from spreading, she said they are providing masks and gloves to workers, along with cleaner for the carts.

"We're wiping down the registers and card readers as much as possible. Every half hour, if not more," she said. "All the freezer and dairy handles get wiped down. We installed sneeze guards (to protect the cashiers)."

She said only a couple of employees decided not to work for health reasons during the pandemic, "which we fully support."

Bernard and her husband, Zac Bernard, the store's director, have two sons who attend E.P. Clarke Elementary in St. Joseph.

Bernard and Staff Writer Louise Wrege last week talked about life, kids and Southwest Michigan.

**When you were growing up, did you always want to make a career of working at Roger's Foodland?**

I didn't know. I just went to (Grand Valley State University in Allendale) to see what was going to happen.

**Why did you decide to return to Southwest Michigan?**

I ended up marrying my high school sweetheart. He also worked here at the store. Even though we went to (St. Joseph High School) together, we met here at work. He always thought I was older because I was a cashier earlier than some of the other people. But really, I was younger than him. I still came home and worked and to be with him.

Then (Zac and I) decided to get married, so it became the conversation that we would stay with the store and stay in the area. I moved back in '06 and then we got married in June of '06 right after the new store opened (on Hollywood Road in Royalton Township). It was crazy.

I just like the small town feel versus the traffic of bigger cities. I think we have good schools and are close to the beach. We're close enough to Chicago or Kalamazoo to take day trips. It's nice.

**When did you start working at the store?**

I was in middle school. I don't remember exactly how old I was. I was a cashier.

**What are your memories of growing up at the store?**

I would help my mom in the office in the morning. I mostly just played there. I really don't remember much before middle school. It's all a blur.

My grandpa (Cliff Crotteau) used to work in the back room, so I could be back there with him. I just loved being around people. Some of the customers, I still see now. They say they remember me when I was little. My grandma (Connie Crotteau) would help watch me, also.

**Do you have any hobbies?**

I don't really have any hobbies. I'm on the Royalton Township Planning Commission. I'm running for clerk of Royalton Township.

**Why as a clerk?**

I've worked as an election inspector since 2016. I really enjoy the election and the election process and the people.

**Are you following in your dad's footsteps?**

Yes, definitely. I just think that he's just a really nice, hard-working guy. He's down to earth and easy to get along with. Practical.

**Anything else keep you busy?**

My husband is a firefighter with the Royalton Township Fire Department. Normally this time of year, we'd be going to baseball games with our sons. They're going a little stir crazy being at home.

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